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2007 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

During an Emergency Session on October 5 to address Amendments to the FY 2007 Budget, the National Council unanimously approved the Comprehensive Annual Budget with exclusions. Budget exclusions, authorizations and limitations in the FY 2007 include budgets for Division of Tribal Affairs, Lighthorse and Department of Health Administration. Tribally funded programs began the new fiscal year operating off a continuing ordinance. The purpose of the Act is to provide legislative authorization and expenditure of funds until the FY 2007 Comprehensive Annual Budget law is enacted.

NOTICE
The Principal Chief has no jurisdiction or authority over the Creek Nation Health Systems. This includes bills that have not been paid. The Health Systems fall under the jurisdiction of the Community Services Committee of the National Council. Please refer all requests to this committee.

OCTOBER'S REMINDER
Council Oak Tree Ceremony will be held Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. located on 18th and Cheyenne. See Section B for further details.

Citizen no longer living in deplorable conditions

by Gerald Wofford
MNN Staff Writer

OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Citizen Molly Brown and her family have a lot to smile about these days. Brown, who has lived in the Holdenville area since she was a little girl, was living in terrible housing conditions. Busted out walls, a caved-in floor in the bathroom, and broken windows was just a part of the description of the shack that Brown and her family were living in.

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis wanted to make sure Brown didn't have to stay in those conditions any longer. Ellis, along with the Muscogee (Creek) Housing Authority, immediately began plans to construct a new home for Brown. On Sept. 14, Brown was handed keys to her new home.

Ellis stated that he wanted to make sure that Brown no longer lived in such deplorable conditions. "I had met with Mrs. Brown and we (tribe) just had to do something about this immediately."

The home stands on the allotted land near the old and decapitated house that for many years was the only residence for Brown and her family. "I am so glad to be living in a new home," said Brown. "My family and I are really going to enjoy this."

Although the presentation of keys to a new home was given much attention, David Proctor of the Housing Authority said the new home



(L to R) Principal Chief A.D. Ellis gives the keys to Molly Brown (sitting), while Wise Brown, National Council member Shirlene Ade, and Tootsie Brown happily look on.
photo by Gerald Wofford

given to Brown is just one of many new homes being given to Muscogee (Creek) citizens on a daily basis. "We have homes being built all over the Creek Nation," said Proctor. "This is something that we (Housing Authority) do all the time."

Proctor also states that homes such as the one that Brown is receiving are constructed by EPPCO, a private contractor. EPPCO constructed the first homes for the Tiger family in Holdenville

following the loss of the homes during the wildfires this past year. Both types of homes are funded by NAHASDA and proceeds of sale monies. The National Council recently approved \$1.9 million for the construction of twenty homes.

The program is part of the Modernization of Privately Owned homes program and is titled the Alternative Housing Program. Participants must be approved through the Moderniza-

tion program. Approximately 95% of the names on this list are elderly full bloods.

Besides Ellis and Proctor, other tribal officials on hand included Executive Director Claude Sumner, Chief of Staff Mike Flud, and National Council Representative Shirlene Ade.

(For more information on Alternative Housing Program see A - 6)

"Nene Hvkoce": WALKING TRAILS PROGRAM

by Scott Robison, BS Ed.
Exercise Programs Coordinator

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council has once again showed their commitment to providing programs designed to help citizens lead a healthy lifestyle. The National Council passed legislation funding a community walking program, "Nene Hvkoce" (Walking Trails) Program. The MCN Diabetes Program Healthy Heart Project is providing funding for the program incentives.

The program sign ups will be held over the next three months with January 1, 2007 being the deadline for participant to sign up. Participants will enroll at community sign up and kick-off events. The dates for these events will be decided by the different Indian communities at their October meeting. Participants can also sign up at their local Creek Nation Health

Facility Diabetes Program. Area wide sign up date will be determined at a later date in each of the clinic area.

Participants will be provided a pedometer to log their steps, miles, or time. Points are earned everyday for different levels of activity.

Individual incentives will be awarded for meeting monthly goals and points. These incentive include program pens, water bottles, running/walking shoe wallets, fanny packs, Nike socks, sport towels, basketballs, back-

packs, Nike hats or visors, winter knit caps, hydration packs, Nike gym bags,

exercise bands, program t-shirts, exercise shoes, and Nike warm up suits. Participants will be able to report their activity to the walking program clerk via- phone, logging into the Creek Nation Web Site, or at the monthly fun /fitness meetings.

End of the year raffles will be held for all participant reaching any of the three levels of achievement. The raffle will be for three significant prizes (i.e. treadmill,

other exercise equipment, or a membership to local fitness club).

The Community Award will be a 1 mile asphalt walking track. Qualifying for this award will be based on total participation of community members. A community will need a minimum of 20 participants to accumulate enough points to earn the lowest level of achievement to be eligible for winning the walking trail. The qualifying community with the highest average points per person will be awarded the walking track. In the event that more than one community has the same average points per person, a drawing will be held to determine the winner.

For more information about the Muscogee Trails Walking Program contact your local Diabetes Program at any of the tribal health facilities.



Johnnie Brasuell, MCN Diabetes Program Manager, holds a "Walking Trails" Program T-shirt.

Tribal College acquires office space

by Jason Salsman
MNN Staff Writer

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation recently received the deed to the former Social Security Building in Okmulgee to house the College of the Muscogee Nation Administration Offices. On hand for the deed signing were Creek Nation Principal Chief A.D. Ellis along with Dallas and Carol Morris and Mary Volturo.



Date set for Veterans Day ceremony

OKMULGEE — A Veteran's Day ceremony will be held on Nov. 11 at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Veterans' Memorial Park beginning at 11 a.m. The Tribe's Honor Guard will conduct the remembrance ceremony.



Letter from the Principal Chief

Greetings to all tribal citizens:

Another summer has passed and beautiful fall weather is gradually approaching. Time passes quickly when you're a senior citizen and your grandchildren and great grandchildren are growing up.

The September council meeting was last Saturday and many Veterans were honored in formation by a visiting Army General. What a great program and Veterans Affairs Office we now have, thanks to Mr. Ken Davis.

Our tribal budget is causing some concerns because, it has not been passed by the National Council. My office presented the budget to the National Council on May 16,

2006. Four and one half months should have been long enough to approve it. Now we have to work 30 days with a partial budget. Difficulties have become more prevalent between the Administration and National Council during this process but we have worked things out before and will do it again.

As the Principal Chief, I will always protect the integrity and authority of my administration and keep the three branches of government equal. If the citizens want someone to

submitted to the staff of the MNN on Oct. 1



Chief Ellis

always agree with the National Council then you will have to elect someone else. By having a \$90,000 budget for the National Council attorney and cutting my attorney budget to \$10,000 it is evident the branches of government are not equal.

I still find time to get out of the office and check on our elderly. One day I visited the home of Molly Brown near Salt Creek Church. The living conditions for this elderly full blood Creek with one leg amputated was not acceptable. This week I pre-

sented her and her two sisters keys to a new three bedroom home. This is what makes me proud to be a tribal leader and able to provide help to the needy.

Our new Housing Division is doing more work than ever before so if you are still waiting, they are providing record setting work, but sometimes the waiting period is one long because of hundreds of citizens in line.

My annual summit meeting for church leaders was in September and much information and fellowship was provided. Thanks to all who attended.

The National Elders Conference was in Tulsa this year and 1,800 elders from across America attended.

The Creek Nation Nutrition Program is the largest tribal program in America. Over 75,000 meals are served

each month, with a large part being home delivered.

Would you believe the new Tulsa Casino pad is almost completed? It looks so great to see this large piece of land cleared for building. It is due to be completed in about 20 months. This is the largest building boom and most construction under way along with the most financial income than any other time in our nations history.

We still need to do more to provide the programs that are needed and ensure a better future for all.

Remember all tribal leaders of our nation, all others and yourselves in prayer for sometimes the going gets rough.

Mvto. — A.D. Ellis

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Special thanks

I would like to send thanks to Chief A. D. Ellis for all you've done in helping and keeping your word. I would also like to thank the housing, Ivan Pulliam, Thomasene Osborn, Randy Colbert, and all the others who helped.

Thank you very much for your honesty and dedication. We hope to have you as our Chief for as long as possible.

Mark, Billie and Markie Baker

Youth group expresses thanks

Mvto! From the Mvskoke Youth

Stomp Dance Group to the following agencies: Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of the Principal Chief, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, George Tiger, Speaker of the National Council and Bill Fife, Okfuskee District National Council Representative.

Thank you for your support and contributions toward the youth group trip to the Ocmulgee Indian Celebration in Macon, Georgia on September 15-17.

With your support, we were able to make this trip possible to give an educational opportunity for the youth

to experience the fun of traveling and making new friendships as well as learning about their history and enhancing their social skills. The youth group is coordinated by Farron and Irene Culley of Okfuskee ceremonial ground. The group members were from the following ceremonial grounds: Arbeka, Nuyaka, Okfuskee, Muddy Waters and Tallahassee.

We were very proud of the group for their cooperation and conduct on this trip. Everyone who went had a good time. Mvto!

Irene Culley, Mvskoke Youth Stomp Dance Group Coordinator

TCIC expresses thanks to Tulsa district council representatives

We want to thank our Tulsa District Council representatives, the

National Council, the Principal Chief, and Mr. Steve Wilson for making it possible for us to attend the National Indian Council on Aging Conference in Tulsa on Sept. 15 -19.

It was more than we expected; the programs, workshops and activities were enjoyable and the food delicious. A few more workshops could be considered. One of the highlights was getting acquainted with other tribal members from various states. It was a blessing to greet them and to see that some tribes came in on their tribally-owned buses or chartered buses. Mvto.

Tulsa Indian Community, Mary Arkeкта; Jane Cornell; Leona Fish; and Carol Morris

Many Springs appreciates help

WMU of Many Springs Baptist

Church would like to thank the following people for all their help in making Reverend Jimmy Anderson's celebration a success. Revs. Russell Begaye, Southern Baptist Board; Ted Lam; Eddie Lindsey; Jack Comer and Gary Hawkind. Also, Kim Cravett for the slide show. Lewis Johnson for sound/video, emcee, James Bruner, Starla Bush and Tom Fields for photography, Holdenville Community Center, Speaker George Tiger, council member Paula Willits and the McCoser family, Florida Seminoles and Geneva Larney for making the quilt.

A very special thanks to everyone else not mentioned but made contributions, Thank you and God Bless.

WMU of Many Springs Baptist Church

District Court Filings for August 2006

Civil:	
Clyde West v. John Wolf	Small Claims
Community Hospital Lakeview v. Melinda McManes	Small Claims
Star Loans v. Alice Locust	Small Claims
Star Loans v. Jessina McBee	Small Claims
Star Loans v. Shannon Broncho	Small Claims
Guaranteed Auto Finance Inc., dba Automaster v. Akhtar & Wyla Yero	Foreign Judgement
Royal Finance v. Suzanna Franklin	Small Claims
Royal Finance v. Alice Locust	Small Claims
Royal Finance v. Katherine Willie	Small Claims
Matthew Factor v. Destiny Chennault	Petition
May Dept. Stores Co., dba Foley's v. Cheryl Gower aka McBroom	Foreign Judgement
American Exchange Bank v. Derek L. Fife	Small Claims
Citizens Security, Inc. v. Barbara West	Small Claims
Citizens Security, Inc. v. Patrick W. Hutchins	Small Claims
Citizens Security, Inc. v. Barbara West	Small Claims
Citizens Security, Inc. v. Sharen K. Dawson	Small Claims
Citizens Security, Inc. v. Mercedes Pappan	Small Claims
Citizens Security, Inc. v. Patrick W. Hutchins	Small Claims
Divorce:	
Pamela Sue Corley v. William James Corley	Petition for Dissolution of Marriage

Protective Orders:

Karen Pahsetopah v. Michael Pahsetopah	Ex-Parte
Vicky Pope v. Douglas Juneau	Ex-parte

Criminal Felonies:

MCN v. Calvin Leon Barnett	Ct. 1. Embezzlement; Theft & False Account
MCN v. Eric Marshall Cope	Ct. 1: Embezzlement; Theft & False Accounts
MCN v. Dorene Kay Murray	Ct. 1: Embezzlement; Theft & False Accounts

Traffic:

MCN v. Gary Paul Peterson	Driving on Tribal Property without Driver's License
MCN v. Jeffrey Harris	Driving Under Suspension
MCN v. Gary Wayne Ramey	Driving on Tribal Property with Suspended License
MCN v. Kendrick Jones	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Marquita Clayton	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Marquita Clayton	No Drivers License
MCN v. Terrick Burdine	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Terry Lynn Manuel	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Shalonda Gist	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Anthony Buller	No Insurance
MCN v. Troy Van Holten	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Duane Lamont Mills	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Alan Overstreet	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Wayne L. Knight Jr.	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Wayne L. Knight Jr.	Invalid Drivers License
MCN v. Donald Ray Bergman	Failure to Yield Right of Way
MCN v. Gene Porter	Driving Under Suspension
MCN v. Tonya Schondel	Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Tonya Schondel	Open Receptacle
MCN v. David Lee Nipper	Driving without Required Registration
MCN v. Marco Dywayne Johnson	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Edward Phillip Evans	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Derek Allen Williams Jr.	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Derek Allen Williams Jr.	No Insurance
MCN v. Eddie Lee Harrison	Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Joseph Finnigan	Driving on Tribal Property without insurance

MCN v. Todd M. Hamilton	Driving without Required Registration
MCN v. Joseph Finnigan	Driving without Required Registration
MCN v. Brian Edward Voyles	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Susan Lemons	Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Michelle Butler	Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Flordeliza Brown	Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Joshua Whitaker	No Insurance
MCN v. Casey Shepherd	No Drivers License
MCN v. Amber Tolbert	Expired Tag
MCN v. Joseph Jenkins	Possession of Illegal Drug
MCN v. Michael Wayne Gibson	Driving without Required Registration
MCN v. Robert Campbell	

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Civil:		
Ecast Settlement Corporation Assignee of MBNA America N.A. v. George Bell	Small Claims	
Royal Finance v. Mable Sunny Williams	Small Claims	
Royal Finance v. Johnnie Depriest	Small Claims	
Royal Finance v. Dawn Edwards	Small Claims	
Royal Finance v. Janice Bear	Small Claims	
Creditors Recovery Corp. v. Larry Woolverton	Foreign Judgement	
Asset Acceptance, LLC. v. Frances Ferguson	Foreign Judgement	
Platinum Financial Services v. Jason Smith	Foreign Judgement	
America's Car-Mart of Sapulpa v. Joyce Henry	Small Claims	
Divorce:		
Lisa Marie Steele v. Billy R. Steele	Petition for Dissolution of Marriage	
Michelle Moore v. Virgil Moore	Petition for Dissolution of Marriage	
Misty Andrews v. Marshall Andrews	Petition	
Family Domestic:		
TCSE, Ex Rel. Shelly Price now Sims v. Mark Adney	Petition to Register District Court Order Under Full, Faith and Credit	

Protective Orders:

Tamrah Frazier v. Richard Moffitt	Ex-Parte
Tamrah Frazier v. Richard Moffitt	Ex-Parte

Criminal Felonies:

MCN v. Paul Dean Tecumseh Jr.	Ct. 1. Aggravated Assault
MCN v. Donna Lynn Sommers	Expired Tag
MCN v. Allen Wayne Rich	No Seat Belt
MCN v. Allen Wayne Rich	Driving Vehicle without Required Registration
MCN v. James Kendal Posey	Driving Under Suspension
MCN v. James Kendal Posey	No Valid Insurance
MCN v. Jason Ledbetter	No Seat Belt
MCN v. David E. Baird II	No Seat Belt
MCN v. James Coatney	Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Lisa M. Hughes	Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. David Brown	Driving on Tribal Property with No Insurance
MCN v. Jeff Davis	Invalid Driver's License
MCN v. Patricia Pflueger	Failure to Yield Right of Way
MCN v. Ashley Chastain	Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Timothy Ingram	Fighting in Public
MCN v. Brittane Smith	Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Trent Bennett	Expired Tag



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From the desk of the Speaker

It's been a hectic budget process as hearings have been held to address the proposed Comprehensive Annual Budget for FY 2007. According to the Constitution of the great Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Principal Chief submits a proposed budget to the National Council for their advice and consent.

The Four Standing Committees of the National Council, Business and Government; Tribal Affairs; Community Services and Cultural and Human Development schedule hearings. The hearings address the proposed budgets with the respective divisions Deputy Director, Managers and personnel. Committees use the opportunity to review past expenditures for evaluating the justification of the line items in the proposed budget. During this process the proposed budget is considered a working document, in other words, recommendations can be made by each committee according to their findings of the proposed expenditures.

The National Council has received a tremendous amount of criticism regarding the process in addressing the FY 2007 proposed budget. While the process has been lengthy and continues, the National Council's priority is appropriating funds that provide much needed services to tribal members and allowing tribal employees to provide for their families. On September 30th, the National Council passed a Continuing Resolution to provide 1/12th of funding. This practice is nothing new in the annals of Muscogee Creek Nation government. I served on the National Council during a time our government existed on a monthly funding cycle from the Council for eleven months. This allows the government to operate while hearings/negotiations continue for final approval of the Budget. During an Emergency Session called on October 5th to address Amendments to the FY 2007 Budget, the National Council unanimously approved the Comprehensive Annual Budget with exclusions. Budget exclusions, authorizations and limitations in the FY 2007 include budgets for Division of Tribal Affairs, Lighthorse and Department of Health Administration.

However, they are authorized to continue expenditures at twenty-five (25%) of their respective budgets as provided for in the FY 2006 Comprehensive Annual Budget as approved by the National Council in NCA 05-182. Programs receiving federal funds are authorized to continue expenditures at one hundred percent (100%) of such federal awards or allocations. The process continues for the 2007 budgets for Division of Tribal Affairs, Lighthorse and Department of Health Administration until it is presented in a final form for consideration by the National Council. In the meantime, the action taken by the Council on October 5th allows for client services to be funded as proposed.

This latest action regarding the budget came about due to a number of meetings being held by this office, Second Speaker, Chief Ellis and the Controller. I have always believed this was the best and traditional way to solving problems and disagreements. The journey in this matter is not complete but it is encouraging. Sitting across the table from each other is much more effective in working problems out rather than reacting to half truths and rumors. In closing, the National Council appropriates funds to carry out the functions of the programs. Should funding for any program become limited or unavailable to our citizens, that is a reflection of people in charge of those programs, not the Council. Client service funding will receive top priority and consideration by the National Council if reflected in any budgets being proposed.

I thank those that have contacted me with words of encouragement to the National Council, until next time MVTO!



Tiger

Muscogee National Council overview

OKMULGEE — THE FOLLOWING CONSISTS OF ACTIONS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL CONDUCTED AT THE JULY 29, QUARTERLY SESSION.

JULY 29, 2006, QUARTERLY SESSION.

ABSENT WERE: REPRESENTATIVE **LARRY BIBLE** EXCUSED FOR THIS MEETING.

VETO MESSAGES:

- VETO (16-8-0) NCA 06-162, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO THE JUBILEE CHRISTIAN CENTER OF OKMULGEE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASPHALT FOR THE CENTER'S DRIVEWAY RETURNED BY THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF AS A VETO WITH OBJECTIONS

VOTING NO WERE: **ROGER BARNETT; ANTHONY NOTARO; TRAVIS SCOTT; ROBERT JONES; KEEPER JOHNSON; RON CLEGHORN; SAM ALEXANDER; AND PAULA WILLITS;**

- VETO OVERRIDE, (23-2-0) NCA 06-163, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO PURCHASE PASSENGER VANS FOR THE DEWAR AND TWIN HILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTERS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR CREEK ELDERS RETURNED BY THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF AS A VETO WITH OBJECTIONS;

VOTING NO WERE: **BILL FIFE AND JEFF FIFE;**

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- KILLED ON THE FLOOR (24-0-0) TR 06-053, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO TAKE THE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION RECEIVES FULL FUNDING FROM THE IHS AS APPROPRIATED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 SPONSOR: **TOM PICKERING;**
- APPROVED (24-0-0) TR 06-093, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REPEALING TR 05-148 (A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD TO RELINQUISH ALL AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OF THE GAMING FOOD CONCESSION WITHIN THE OKEMAH CASINO TO THE OKEMAH INDIAN COMMUNITY) TO RETURN CONTROL OF THE CONCESSION WITHIN THE OKEMAH CASINO TO THE GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD SPONSOR: **LENA WIND;**
- FAILED ON THE FLOOR (9-15-0) TR 06-098, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING TR 04-138 TO CORRECT THE TERM EXPIRATION DATE OF BRET HAYES SPONSOR: **CHERRAH QUIETT;**

VOTING NO WERE: **DUKE HARJO; ROGER BARNETT; EDDIE LAGRONE; LENA WIND; BILL FIFE; ROBERT JONES; KEEPER JOHNSON; JEFF FIFE; BO JOHNSON; JAMES JENNINGS; SYLVANNA CALDWELL; SHIRLENE ADE; RON CLEGHORN; RICHARD BERRYHILL AND JOHNNIE GREENE;**

- APPROVED (24-0-0) TR 06-099, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE MUSKOGEE BEDOUIN SHRINE OF MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA USE OF THE GREAT SEAL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SPONSOR: **PETE BEAVER; CO-SPONSOR: EDDIE LAGRONE**
- APPROVED (24-0-0) TR 06-100, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK)

NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF **ALLEN WIND** TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPONSOR: **TRAVIS SCOTT**

- APPROVED (23-0-1) TR 06-103, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION HONORING AND BESTOWING RECOGNITION UPON **WILLIAM "BILL" BUCK** FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AS A LONG-TIME BINGO AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE AND MEMBER OF THE GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD SPONSOR: **RON CLEGHORN; CO-SPONSOR(S): S. ALEXANDER; L. BIBLE**

ABSTAIN WERE: **BO JOHNSON;**

REPRESENTATIVE **LENA WIND** OUT OF SEAT AT TIME OF CASTING OF VOTE.

- APPROVED (23-0-0) TR 06-104, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD TO EXPAND PARKING AT CREEK NATION CASINO MUSKOGEE AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH THE SELECTED CONTRACTOR SPONSOR: **EDDIE LAGRONE; CO-SPONSOR: PETE BEAVER**
- APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (24-0-0) TR 06-105, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE STRAIGHTLINE AUTO GRAPHICS & SIGNS USE OF THE GREAT SEAL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO BE PLACED ON THE FIRE TRUCK THAT WAS DONATED TO THE HOLDENVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT BY THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SPONSOR: **SHIRLENE ADE;**
- APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (24-0-0) TR 06-106, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) SPONSOR: **PETE BEAVER**
- APPROVED (23-1-0) TR 06-107, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT HUFFT TO SERVE ON THE GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD SPONSOR: **SAM ALEXANDER; CO-SPONSOR: GEORGE TIGER**

VOTING NO WERE: **RICHARD BERRYHILL;**

RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOVERNOR, **PETE REGAN.**

- APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (24-0-0) TR 06-112, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH FLINTCO FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TULSA CASINO SPONSOR: **ROGER BARNETT**
- APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (24-0-0) NCA 06-129, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 18, §4-104, ENTITLED "FISCAL YEAR OF THE COLLEGE OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION BOARD OF REGENTS" TO CHANGE ITS FISCAL YEAR SPONSOR: **KEEPER JOHNSON; CO-SPONSOR: DUKE HARJO;**
- KILLED ON THE FLOOR (21-3-0) NCA 06-157, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR THE FARM AUTHORITY TO PAY UNPAID VENDOR BILLS AND OUTSTANDING LOANS SPONSOR: **EDDIE LAGRONE** (\$321,246.74);

VOTING NO WERE: **TOM PICKERING; EDDIE LAGRONE AND SYLVANNA CALDWELL;**

- APPROVED (21-1-1) NCA 06-159, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT A POLITICAL CANDIDATE

WHO WILL ADVOCATE FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA POLITICAL ARENA SPONSOR: **JOHNNIE GREENE** (\$1,000.00);

VOTING NO WERE: **ROBERT JONES;**

ABSTAIN WERE: **SAM ALEXANDER;**

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ABSTAIN WERE: **TRAVIS SCOTT;**

REPRESENTATIVE **KEEPER JOHNSON** OUT OF SEAT AT TIME OF CASTING OF VOTE.

- APPROVED (18-6-0) NCA 06-170, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO THE OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE FOR THE 2006 INTERNATIONAL CLERGY WOMEN'S CONSULTATION SPONSOR: **ROGER BARNETT** (\$2,000.00)

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REPRESENTATIVE **KEEPER JOHNSON** OUT OF SEAT AT TIME OF CASTING OF VOTE.

- APPROVED (12-11-0) NCA 06-171, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 37, §2-203 SUBSECTIONS A, G, H AND I, TO PROVIDE FOR A DEBT RETIREMENT FUND SPONSOR: **SAM ALEXANDER;**

VOTING NO WERE: **DUKE HARJO; ROGER BARNETT; THOMAS MCINTOSH; LENA WIND; BILL FIFE; ROBERT JONES; JEFF FIFE; BO JOHNSON; JAMES JENNINGS; THOMAS YAHOLA AND RICHARD BERRYHILL;**

REPRESENTATIVE **KEEPER JOHNSON** OUT OF SEAT AT TIME OF CASTING OF VOTE.

- APPROVED (21-2-0) NCA 06-172, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO THE MOUND BUILDING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE OF THE MOUND BUILDING'S SURVEILLANCE AND SECURITY SYSTEM SPONSOR: **GEORGE TIGER** (\$48,110.24)

VOTING NO WERE: **ROGER BARNETT AND RON CLEGHORN;**

- RETURN TO COMMITTEE (14-10-0) NCA 06-174, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION RETURNING UNUSED FUNDS

TO THE TRIBAL TREASURY AND REPEALING NCA 06-074 (A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS SERVICES OFFICE TO DISBURSE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MUSCOGEE VETERANS, SURVIVING SPOUSES AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND THEIR SPOUSES) SPONSOR: **ROBERT JONES**

VOTING NO WERE: **ANTHONY NOTARO; THOMAS MCINTOSH; BILL FIFE; ROBERT JONES; KEEPER JOHNSON; BO JOHNSON; JAMES JENNINGS; THOMAS YAHOLA; CHERRAH QUIETT AND RON CLEGHORN;**

- APPROVED AS AMENDED (24-0-0) NCA 06-175, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SUMMER WORK (YOUTH) PROGRAM SPONSOR: **DUKE HARJO** (\$378,935.00)
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- APPROVED (24-0-0) NCA 06-178, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR LAND MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT FOR GRAVEL FOR THE TRIBAL DRIVEWAYS PROGRAM SPONSOR: **ROGER BARNETT** (\$30,000.00)

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- APPROVED AS AMENDED (23-0-0) NCA 06-179, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 06-051 (A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE HOLDENVILLE INDIAN COMMUNITY CASINO PROJECT), AS AMENDED BY NCA 06-110, TO AUTHORIZE THE NATION TO PROPERLY BID OUT THE HOLDENVILLE CASINO PROJECT SPONSOR: **THOMAS YAHOLA;**

REPRESENTATIVE **ROBERT JONES** OUT OF SEAT AT TIME OF CASTING OF VOTE.

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VOTING NO WERE: **DUKE HARJO; ROGER BARNETT; EDDIE LAGRONE; LENA WIND; BILL FIFE; KEEPER JOHNSON; JEFF FIFE; BO JOHNSON; SYLVANNA CALDWELL; THOMAS YAHOLA; SHIRLENE ADE; RON CLEGHORN AND SAM ALEXANDER;**

- APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (24-0-0) NCA 06-185, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CLARIFYING THE POSITION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MUSCOGEE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SITE OF HICKORY GROUND NEAR WETUMPKA, ALABAMA AND AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE COST OF NECESSARY MEASURES REQUIRED TO SECURE AND PROTECT THE SITE AND/OR CAUSE COMMERCIAL AND GAMING ACTIVITY TO CEASE SPONSOR: **EDDIE LAGRONE; CO-SPONSOR(S): J.**

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Tulsa Promotions



Casino Promotions: \$500K Free for All Giveaway

Join us at Creek Nation Casino as we give away a half million dollars in our all new “\$500K Free for All Giveaway.” Be a part of \$500 cash drawings every Sunday through Thursday and \$250 cash drawings every Friday and Saturday. Come back every Sunday at 11 p.m. for the \$2,500 weekly drawing. Then join us on the last day of every month at 11 p.m. for the \$5,000 monthly drawing. All players who win any of these drawings will come back on Jan. 1 for our \$100,000 grand prize! (Daily August 1, 2006 – Jan. 1, 2007, Cash Drawings at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., and 11 p.m.)

The Sky’s the Limit (Ladies Night)

Ladies, reach for the sky with Creek Nation Casino’s The Sky’s the Limit promotion. Don’t miss your chance at \$2,500 in cash prizes and a 2007 Mitsubishi Eclipse or Saturn Sky every Monday. Swipe your card at Guest Services each Monday beginning at 5 p.m., because every fifteen minutes from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. a name will be drawn for fifteen seconds in our money machine! The two ladies with the most money after the 10 p.m. drawing will earn a key to return for the Mitsubishi Eclipse giveaway on Nov. 13. (Mondays starting at 5 p.m., now through Dec. 18)

The Sky’s the Limit (Men’s Night)

Guys, the ladies aren’t the only ones

who have a shot of winning a new set of wheels. You have your chance each Wednesday night during Creek Nation Casino’s The Sky’s the Limit promotion, with \$2,500 in cash prizes and a chance to win a 2007 Toyota Camry Solara Sport Coupe or Chevy Equinox. Swipe your card at Guest Services each Wednesday beginning at 5 p.m., because every fifteen minutes from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. a name will be drawn for fifteen seconds in our money machine! The two guys with the most money after the 10 p.m. drawing will earn a key to return for the Toyota Camry Solara giveaway on Nov. 15. (Wednesdays starting at 5 p.m., Now through Dec. 20)

MySpace @ Midnight

There’s nothing more popular today than online networking through your “MySpace” website. Creek Nation Casino is offering an extra incentive on Thursdays to all the people in the MySpace land. Just print out your MySpace home page and present it to Guest Services between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. every Thursday for five extra entries into our \$45,000 MySpace @ Midnight promotion and receive a \$3 coupon for the Full Moon Café during promotion hours. All guests may earn one free entry without having a MySpace page. Then on Oct. 12, \$5,000 winners will be drawn every hour from midnight to 2 a.m.! (Register each Thursday beginning Oct. 5; \$5,000 Drawings on Oct. 12, Nov. 16, Dec. 14)

Seniors Wake Up and Win

Seniors, rise and shine at Creek Nation

Casino Mondays and Tuesdays in October. From 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., the first 500 seniors will receive \$5 match play on any VGT machine and \$4 off the Full Moon Café’s \$5.99 breakfast buffet. What better way to start the day than with Creek Nation Casino’s Wake Up and Win promotion? (Mondays and Tuesdays, 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.)

\$10,000 Collegiate Challenge

Get into the game with Creek Nation Casino’s exciting free Collegiate Challenge contest for your chance to win big! Each week throughout the season, come to Guest Services to pick the teams you think will win the upcoming college football games. Cash prizes will be awarded weekly and grand prize money will be given to the top three scores of the entire season, including \$5,000 for 1st place, \$1,000 for 2nd place and \$500 for 3rd place. The deadline to enter each week is Saturday at 10 a.m.. (Now through Jan. 8, 2007)

Poker Promotions:

The Big Bounty Poker Tournament

Play in The Big Bounty, our newest No Limit Hold’em Tournament every Thursday and Sunday at 7 p.m. and receive an extra \$20 for every player you eliminate! Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and is open to everyone, with a total buy-in of \$115.

Daily River Showdown

Pull up a seat in Oklahoma’s most upscale Poker Room for our Daily River Showdown tournaments starting at 9:30 a.m. The tournaments are open to everyone, with a total buy-in of \$50.00.

Ladies Texas Hold’em Tournaments

Ladies Night Texas Hold’em tournaments start at 7 p.m. every Monday. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all ladies, with a total buy-in of just \$30.00.

Men’s Night - The Big One Poker Tournament

The Big One, Creek Nation Casino’s Men’s Night no-limit Texas Hold’em tournament starts at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, with registration beginning at 6:30 p.m. (\$115 total buy-in). Now with an extra \$1,000 added to the pot each week!

Texas Hold’em Progressive Bad Beat Jackpots

Losing Never Felt So Good! Creek Nation Casino’s new Progressive Bad Beat Jackpots consist of three separate progressive jackpots awarded to hands of aces full of jacks losing to a better hand. The jackpot is currently at \$50,000!

Texas Hold’em High Hands

Good hands are hard to come by, and at Creek Nation Casino, Texas Hold’em high hands pay bonuses 24 hours a day, seven days a week with progressive bonuses on four of a kind, straight flush, and royal flush hands increasing \$100 a day.

Monthly Monster Poker Tournament

Don’t miss our Monthly Monster No-Limit Texas Hold’em Tournament on the first Tuesday of each month. Register beginning at 5:30 p.m., with a \$330 Buy-in. Satellite tournaments available daily, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Blackjack Promotions:

For the Love of Blackjack

Creek Nation Casino’s blackjack pit is the only place to place for \$250 cash drawings every half hour Monday through Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m. On Sundays we bump the drawings up to \$500 with three winners every hour from noon to 6 p.m. You can earn entries into the drawings with suited blackjack of hearts or by buying in for \$100 at any table. Plus receive a \$10 bonus with a suited blackjack of hearts, and everyone else at your table will earn our famous \$5 Envy Bonus. (Qualify 24 hours a day in the blackjack pit)

Okemah Promotions

Happy Halloween!

Come in and celebrate with a costume contest, dinner buffet, and games. Costume contest will begin at 8 p.m.. Costumes will be judged by a customer and management. There will be three places, 1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200, and 3rd - \$100. Games will include “Bobbin for Prizes”, and Spin the wheel”, Players can start swiping their players cards at 5:30 p.m.. Two names, one for each game, will be drawn every 30 minutes between the hours of 6 p.m., and 10 p.m. for various prizes. Must have players card and be actively playing gaming machine to be eligible.

October Giveaway Happy Birthday

If you have a birthday in October, stop by and register with our Manager on Duty by Oct. 28 for a \$3.00 free play, T-shirt, and a birthday

cupcake. Birthday must be in October. Must have players card to be eligible.

Plinko Fridays

Every Friday in October come down to the casino and swipe your players card starting at 7:30 p.m. for your chance to win some extra cash. Beginning at 8 p.m., we’ll have a hot seat drawing every hour until 12 a.m. for a lucky customer to spin the wheel to determine how many Plinko chips they will receive. The customer will then use the chips on the Plinko board and could win up to \$500 cash. Players must be actively playing an electronic gaming machine to be eligible.

Rocket Rewards Every Sunday

Come in Sunday Oct. 1, 8, 15, and 22nd for a chance to win cash prizes. Between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. a Rocket Representative will

be randomly handing out entry tickets to customers that are actively playing a rocket machine. (Cash Cow, Five Wishes, Claim Jumper, Penny Annie, Bootleggers, Forbidden Treasure, Mak’n Bak’n, and Lightning) Then every 30 minutes we will be having cash drawings. The first drawing will be at 7 p.m. and the last 9 p.m. Must be actively playing a Rocket Gaming machine to be eligible.

Texas Hold’Em

No Limit Tournaments, every Wednesday in October. Sign-ups begin at 6 p.m., first tournament starts at 7 p.m., second tournament starts at 9 p.m. \$30 per tournament includes \$5 dealer appreciation and \$5 entry fee.

Bingo Lingo

Sunday \$5 pays \$100, Monday \$4 pays \$100 (Budget Night), Tues. & Wed. Closed, Thursday \$5 pays \$100 Bingo on a free 3-on backup wins an ex-

tra \$50, Friday - Paper only \$5 pays \$100, \$10 pays \$200, Saturday; Hard Luck Plinko \$5 pays \$150; Single winner receives 1 chip for a chance to win various prizes form a free pack to full pay.

Halloween Specials Sunday Oct. 29.

\$5 pays \$100, \$10 pays \$200 Free \$200

Game with every pack purchase (include electronics)

Halloween Dinner Special

Free chili for every bingo player. Customer will receive coupon with bingo purchase. One coupon per person. Birthday packs given on Oct. 30 only. Must be able to show I.D. (Sundays) Early minis at 6 p.m., regular session starts at 7 p.m..

For more information call the Creek Nation Casino Okemah at (918) 623-0051 or visit www.creeknationcasino.com.

Three Native Gambling Websites Taken Offline

Tobacco Kings; Chapter 3

By Steve Buist and Joan Walters - The Hamilton Spectator(Oct 4, 2006)

Three Internet sites associated with online gaming at Six Nations are no longer in operation. A Spectator investigative report Monday revealed that a company listed as the operator of computer servers on the reserve hosts gaming sites that include Absolute Poker, one of the world’s most popular Internet poker destinations.

It’s not clear if the sites have been disabled temporarily or permanently. The sites are for the company SixNet and two licensing agencies, Six Nations Internet Gaming Regulatory Body and the Haldimand Mohocks and Allies Gaming Commission. The Spectator’s investigation showed the federal government has awarded more than \$1.5 million in contracts this year to SixNet.

The Six Nations regulatory body and the Haldimand Mohocks group have been identified as licensing agencies for online gambling sites. SixNet and the two licensing groups list their address as the headquarters of the Grand River Enterprises cigarette factory in Ohsweken. On one Absolute Poker web page, the logo formerly

indicating Six Nations Internet Gaming Regulatory Body as the licensing agency has been replaced with the logo of the Kahnawake Gaming Commission.

The Kahnawake commission, located on the Kahnawake reserve south of Montreal, is considered one of the world’s largest hosts of online gaming sites. On Monday, the U.S. government passed legislation prohibiting the use of credit cards, cheques and electronic fund transfers for online gaming. It is part of the American government’s ongoing attempts to criminalise Internet betting, a campaign which has been focused on gaming companies based offshore in the Caribbean or Central America.

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The following information is provided by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health

How to do a Breast Self-Examination

IN THE SHOWER fingers flat, move gently over every part of each breast. Use your right hand to examine left breast, left hand for right breast.

Check for any lump, hard knot or thickening. Carefully observe any changes in your breasts.

BEFORE A MIRROR inspect your breasts with arms at your sides. Next, raise your arms high overhead.

Look for any changes in contour of each breast, a swelling, a dimpling of skin or changes in the nipple. Then rest palm on hips and press firmly to flex your chest muscles. Left and right breasts will not exactly match - few women’s breasts do.

LYING DOWN place pillow under right shoulder, right arm behind your head. With fingers of left hand flat, press right breast gently in small circular motions, moving vertically or in a circular pattern covering the entire breast. Use light, medium and firm pressure. Squeeze nipple; check for discharge and lumps. Repeat these steps for your left breast.

Mammogram Services Available Through Muscogee (Creek) Nation

With the recent addition of mammography services at the Okemah and Koweta clinics, patients can now receive mammograms at these facilities instead of being referred outside the health system. In order to obtain a mammogram from Muscogee (Creek) Nation (MCN) Health System facilities patients need to schedule an appointment with a MCN or Indian Health Service provider for a clinical breast exam (CBE). At that time a referral will be written for patients to have a mammogram as indicated at either the Okemah Indian Health Facility or the Koweta Indian Health Facility, after which an appointment will be scheduled.

Health fair scheduled

WETUMKA—The Kialegee Family Life Center and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation CHR program will be holding a health fair on October 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There will be door prizes, food, heath screenings and health information available. This is free to the public and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Celebrating women’s health

EUFULA — Eufaula Indian Health Center will be holding their fifth annual Women’s Health Summit on October 25 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Eufaula Indian Community center (formerly Reil Rock Skating Rink) on Burkes access road.

The agenda for the day includes a speaker from OU medical center focusing on women’s health issues, exhibit booths from various health care organizations, door prizes and luncheon.

Call the Women’s Health Clinic at (918) 689–2540 ext. 227 for free registration. Everyone is welcome, but you must register by Oct. 18 to attend.

Creek Nation Blood Drive

OKMULGEE — The Head Start will be sponsoring a blood drive on Oct. 20 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Human development building.

Free Delam T-shirt’s to every donor. Every donor has the chance to win an auto-graphed OU or OSU football.

For more information or to sign up contact Janice Birdcreek at (918) 732-7900 .

Doctors Note, Breast Cancer Awareness by Zack Anderson MD, MPH

This month is National Breast Cancer Awareness month, therefore, it is fitting for the Muscogee (Creek) Health System to share the importance of routine breast exams and mammography screening to help address and reduce the incidence of this devastating disease.

This year in America, more than 211,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 43,300 will die. One woman in eight either has or will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. In addition, 1,600 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 400 will die this year. If detected early, the five-year survival rate exceeds 95%. Mammograms are among the best early detection methods, yet 13 million U.S. women 40 years of age or older have never had a mammogram.

Breast cancer is the most common malignancy in women and the second leading cause of cancer death (exceeded by lung cancer in 1985). Breast cancer is three times more common than all gynecologic malignancies put together. The incidence of breast cancer has been increasing steadily from an incidence of 1:20 in 1960 to 1:7 women today. Breast cancer is truly an epidemic among women and we don’t know why.

Breast cancer is not exclusively a disease of women. For every 100 women with breast cancer, 1 male will develop the disease. The American Cancer society estimates that 1,600 men will develop the disease this year. The evaluation of men with breast masses is similar to that in women, including mam-mography.

The incidence of breast cancer is very low in the twenties (age) gradually increases and plateaus at the age of forty-five and increases dramatically after fifty. Fifty percent of breast cancer is diagnosed in women over sixty-five indicating the ongoing necessity of yearly screening throughout a woman’s life. While women who have a family history of breast cancer are in a higher risk group, most women who have breast cancer have no family history. If you have a mother, daughter, sister, or grandmother who had breast cancer, you should have a mammogram five years before the age of their diagnosis.

An Early Breast Cancer Detection Plan should include:

- Clinical breast examinations every three years from ages 20-39, then every year thereafter.
- Monthly breast self-examinations beginning at age 20. Look for any changes in your breasts.
- Baseline mammogram by the age

- Mammogram every one to two years for women 40-49, depending on previous findings.
 - Mammogram every year for women 50 and older.
 - A personal calendar to record your self-exams, mammograms, and doctor appointments.
 - A low-fat diet, regular exercise, and no smoking or drinking
- Risk factors for breast cancer:
- Early onset of menses and late menopause.
 - Diets high in saturated fat.
 - Family history of breast cancer.
 - Late or no pregnancies.
 - Moderate alcohol intake:
 - Estrogen replacement therapy.
 - History of prior breast cancer.
 - Female.
 - Therapeutic irradiation to chest wall i.e., for Hodgkins Disease (cancer of lymph nodes).
 - Moderate obesity.

When breast cancer is found early, the five-year survival rate is 96%. This is good news! Over 2 million breast cancer survivors are alive in America today.

Seventy percent of all breast cancers are found through breast self-exams. Not all lumps are detectable by touch. Eight out of ten lumps are benign, or not cancerous. If you discover a persistent lump in your breast or any changes in breast tissue, it is very important that you see a physician immediately. Many times fear keeps women from aggressive health care. Sometimes women stay away from medical care because they fear what they might find. Take charge of your own health by monthly self-exams, regular visits to the doctor, and regularly scheduled mammograms. Mammography is a low-dose X-ray examination that can detect breast cancer up to two years before it is large enough to be felt. Do not let tales of other people’s experiences keep you from having a mammogram. Base your decision on your physician’s recommendation and ask the physician any questions you may have about the mammogram. Breast cancer is a serious problem within our population; therefore, it is imperative to keep your scheduled well women exams and mammograms to decrease the incidence within the Native American population. Once again, MVTO, for allowing the MCNHS to share this information with you.

4th Annual Pink Party

for Breast Cancer Awareness

You are invited to attend the 2006 Pink Party to promote breast cancer awareness and education.

Guest Speaker

Exhibits

Education

Door Prizes

Refreshments

Fun & Fellowship

Wear Pink!!

Balloon Release

Pink Hats

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mound

Registration will begin at 12:00

T-Shirts as available to those attending the program.

Remer winner of the 2006 Associate Provider of the Year Award

TULSA — Catherine Remer won the 2006 Associate Provider of the Year Award at the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service Health Summit, held September 12-13. Catherine, a Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen, has worked in the Family Clinic at the Okmulgee Indian Health Center since 1999. Catherine was nominated by a co-worker who noted that Catherine receives compliments from her patients and that the care she provides is comparable to the best clinics anywhere. Catherine spends many hours thoroughly reviewing patient charts, test results, and researching the literature when needed to insure no stone is left unturned in treating patients. She was noted to have found

medication to treat a patient who had been diagnosed with Crohn’s disease

by a provider outside the Muscogee Nation Health System who had not

found a suitable treatment. Catherine received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science from the University of Oklahoma. She is certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners as a Family Nurse Practitioner.



Dr. Charles Grim, Director of Indian Health Service, Catherine Remer, and John Daugherty, Area Director, Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month highlighted in displays

OKMULGEE — The Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center has a Christmas tree up year round that is decorated with a seasonal theme each month. This October, instead of the traditional Halloween black and orange, the Christmas tree has a pink décor for breast cancer awareness. The Christmas tree at the Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition center is adorned with pink ornaments, pink ribbons and pink lights in celebration of breast cancer awareness month in October.

Breast cancer awareness is also highlighted in a display case at the Tribal Complex. Artwork from prior year Pink Party’s are showcased in posters and T-shirts. Photos of Amos Rabbit, Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal citizen unveiling the current year poster is on display as well as photos and newspaper articles from last year’s Pink party. Also on display are corn husk dolls made by the Mvskoke Seniors for Cultural Preservation and Promotion. The corn husk dolls have been adorned in pink clothing.

Breast cancer awareness brochures are available at both displays. The displays were created by staff of the Women’s Health Clinic, Okmulgee Indian Health Center. For more information on breast cancer awareness activities, call (918) 758-2717.



Pink party display case at the creek Complex.



Christmas tree displayed at the elderly nutrition center.

Rabbit created “Pink Party” artwork for fourth year

OKMULGEE — For the fourth year, Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen, Amos Rabbit, of Okemah, has created the artwork for the annual Pink Party, a breast cancer awareness event to be held from 1 to 4 p.m. October 25 at the Mound Building. Breast cancer is a topic that touches close to home since he has family members who are breast cancer survivors. A self-taught artist, Amos had always sketched and painted only for his wife and daughters until he began creating art for the annual Pink Party. Amos and his family lived in

the San Francisco Bay area for 30 years before returning to Oklahoma where he retired as a millwright. Now that



Amos Rabbit (left) and Second Chief Alfred Berryhill (right) unveil the poster for the Fourth Annual Pink Party, a breast cancer awareness event.

he is retired, Amos enjoys drawing, attending softball and basketball games, pow-wows, traveling, and serving as a volunteer firefighter and Vice President of the Sunrise Volunteer Fire Department. He also enjoys spending time with his family, including wife, Pauline Jones Rabbit, daughters, Sheila Ramirez of Union City, CA, Tammy Rabbit of Okmulgee, Kimberly Silva of Latrop, CA, and six grandchildren who live in Oklahoma and California. Amos is a U.S. Army veteran and is the son of the late Edmond and Bertha Rabbit of Morris, Oklahoma.

Alternative Housing Program

MOLLY BROWN

Molly Brown is typical of many of the elderly Creek Citizens that are being helped by the Housing Division's Alternative Housing Program. Many often want something as simple as a handicap ramp or maybe some plumbing or roofing repairs while not even thinking about the fact that their whole house needs repairing.

In Molly Brown's case, she may have never asked for anything had it not been for Community Health Representative, DeLois Roulston who contacted someone about getting her a handicap ramp and having work done on her house. After contacting housing and going thru the usual paperwork and approval for the Rehabilitation of Privately Owned Homes Program an inspector was sent to her house to see



Molly Brown's new Alternative Home with her old home in the background.

about building her a ramp and rehabbing her home. After inspection of the house it was determined that the house was substandard and unfeasible for repair. That's when she became a prime candidate for the Alternative Housing Program.

This was a typical scenario of many of the Alternative Housing recipients. Asking for little but receiving more then their words can express. Most describe the modest but efficient home as a dream come true.

Anyone who might like to donate home furnishing or furniture to the Brown family may call Ms. Roulston at 918-756-1941.

Chief Ellis presents Molly Brown the keys to her new home. Looking on are Wisey Brown(sister), Tukvpytce District Representative Shirlene Ade, and Tootsie Brown(sister).



MARTHA AND HERBERT FOX

Martha and Herbert Fox first applied to the Rehabilitation of Privately Owned Homes program but because their home was located on the edge of a flood zone NAHASDA regulations prohibited Housing from rehabbing their home. Leaving their home place was not something they wanted to do. After non-federal funding was finally appropriated they were again scheduled to have their home rehabbed. That's when their roof began leaking resulting in the Fox family being placed on the emergency repair list

which meant they would get the most urgent repairs done more quickly and have the rest done when it was their turn on the program waiting list.

After the initial inspection, the home was found to have faulty wiring (some of the old wiring type had not been used since the 1930s), large section of the ceiling falling in, visible gaps in the wall, exposed water line, unstable



The leaking roof was only one of the many needed repairs that caused the old Fox home to be declared unfeasible for repair.

and rotting floor, and lead based paint, resulting in the home being declared not viable for repair.

Because the Fox family qualified for the Elderly Alternative Housing Program they were able to receive a new home within a matter of months instead of another possible extended wait. "I'm thankful for Creek nation and God's part in getting me a new home and that I have some time left to enjoy it, I will be writing a thank you letter to Creek Nation" said Martha.



Martha And Herbert Fox are presented their new home by Creek District Representative Roger Barnett.

Note: These recipients are only a few of the many Elderly Creek Citizens who have been served through the Alternative Housing Program. The program has completed twenty-five homes and has approval for a total of fifty-two.

THANK YOU LETTER TO HOUSING

The Hon. Chief A.D. Ellis

Sir:

I want to congratulate you on the fine staff of Creek Nation's Housing.
I had an emergency problem for a week & a half. (sewer blocked , not draining). My city said they could not help because it was on my side.
I called a plumber & he quoted me nearly \$2000.00. I'm 85 & widowed. My children said let's see if Creek Nation can help.
We called & they sent 2 gentlemen up & they had it open in less than an hour.
The men were
Dennis Bible
Monroe Burgess
They would not even accept a cold drink.
Many thanks again from me and my family and I'm blessed to be a member of Creek Nation.
God Bless,
Catherine Evans
Linda Way
Judy Gordon
Rita Lee
Also Kermitta, Lizanne & others were so kind & helpful.

Housing employee is a winner both on and off the job

Sarah Morgan recently won the State Women's Class A Horseshoe Championship held in Yukon, Oklahoma. Sarah works for the Housing Force Account and was also named Employee of the Month for June which is voted on by her coworkers. Housing congratulates Sarah on her achievements both on and off the job.



Contracting/Employment Opportunities

If you live in HUD assisted housing you may qualify as a section 3 resident or a section 3 business and may be eligible for contracting and/or employment opportunities. Please contact Mr. Alan Kelley at 918-752-3249 for more information.

COMMUNITY SHIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM



Offering protection for Creek Citizens against property damage caused by fire, storm, or other natural disasters.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Housing Division/Authority is now offering property coverage for Creek Citizens who are renting or own their own homes.

The program offers coverage for both homeowners and renters. Coverage includes home protection for homeowners, personal property, personal liability, and emergency living expenses.

To be eligible for the program applicants must be enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Citizens, reside within the state of Oklahoma and use the dwelling to be covered as their principle place of residence.

The Housing Division and Amerind Risk Management retain the right to inspect the covered property, and require loss prevention efforts on part of the participants and does not assume responsibility for maintenance of the covered property.

The participant will be solely responsible for filing all claims directly to Amerind with claim payments based on replacement cost up to the coverage limits.

For more information about the program contact

Lenora McPerryman

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Housing
(918) 756-8504 or 800-259-5050 Ext. 4117



Many Native American families find it difficult becoming a homeowner due to the high out of pocket cost of obtaining a mortgage loan.

The Mortgage Assistance Program is designed to help our Tribal Citizens realize their dream of becoming a homeowner by providing financial assistance needed to acquire a mortgage loan to eligible applicants.

For More Information
Contact:

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM
P.O. Box 297
Okmulgee, Ok 74447
1-800-259-5050
918-759-4137

The Mortgage Assistance
Program
is a program of the

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
DIVISION OF HOUSING

To be eligible for the program, clients must meet the following requirements established by The Mortgage Assistance Program and by the Native American Housing Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA).

- Be a first time home buyer.
- Live within the state of Oklahoma.
- Not be an existing or former Mutual Help Participant of NAHASDA Homebuyer/Lease with option to Purchase regardless of a Housing Service Area.

- Have an annual family income which does not exceed 80% of the national Median income published by HUD.

- Be 18 years or older.

- Provide all requested information, Citizenship card for preference purposes, Social Security cards, and employment verification for each working family member on the required forms.

- Sign all required forms including the consent for disclosure of information.

- Be able to meet all credit check and financial obligations for loan assistance from an approved and certified financial lender.

- Preference given to Creek Citizens.

Eligible clients may qualify for up to \$25,000.

Bristow celebrates Western Heritage Days in August

BRISTOW — The Bristow Indian Community built a float for the parade and won 1st place. The theme of the float was “Bridging the Gap: Two Worlds-One Spirit”. National Council Representatives George Tiger and Roger Barnett, youth, senior citizens, and the Muscogee Nation Royalty were participants on the float.

Oklahoma City town hall meeting
OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma City town hall meeting is scheduled for Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. at Giori-tta Baptist Church located at 7308 S. Western Street.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Allen Yargee at (405)386-7111 or (405) 641-3318.

Muscogee Nation Transit system
OKLAHOMA CITY — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation transit system is available to all creek citizens.

For more information, contact Sherrie Hayens, dispatcher at (918) 759-7775; Christine Rogers, planner/supervisor at (918) 759-0645 or Ben Chaney, manager at (918) 752-3253.

A donation of one dollar is accepted and greatly appreciated.

Loca’pokv and Big Spring (Okmulgee) Tribal Towns annual reunion
TULSA — The annual Loca’pokv

and Big Spring Tribal Towns Reunion will take place Nov. 24 at the Perryman Ranch at 11524 South Elwood in Jenks.

Elwood is located one mile east of U.S. of Hwy. 75. The ranch is between Jenks and Glenpool.

A pot-luck dinner will be held at 2 p.m. The kitchen will open at 11 a.m. Members of both towns are welcome to come early or to stay until sunset.

If you need more information, or would like to volunteer to help, please write to the Loca’pokv/Big Spring Reunion c/o Rob Trepp, P.O. Box 9853, Tulsa, OK 4157-0853.

Food as Medicine Program
OKMULGEE — Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative, a project of Legacy Cultural Learning Community, Inc., will host a special program called, “Food as Medicine,” on Oct. 20 – 21. The focus of the program is on the health benefits of the indigenous foods of the Americas and how we can reconnect with these foods and get them back into our diets.

Oct. 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Muscogee Community Center, a reception and panel discussion about diabetes, wild foods, nutrition will be held. Corn experts will be on hand and plenty of time is reserved for questions and answers.

Activities on Oct. 20 will be held at the OSU Extension Exhibit Hall at the Okmulgee County Fairgrounds

from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be workshops on topics such as heirloom seeds, natural beef production, traditional foods, diabetes and diet, home gardening, identification of wild foods, etc. A meal of Oklahoma grown foods will be served.

All activities are free and open to the public with pre-registration needed for dinner tickets.

Pre-register by calling Vicky Karhu at (9918) 756-7417 or Datan tiger at (918) 687-7006 or by e-mail to vkarhu@gmail or danatiger@hotmail.com.

The guest of honor at both locations will be Mr. Carl Barnes, Director and Founder of C.O.R.N.S., Inc., a living seen bank, with members and growers throughout the nation and in other countries. Barnes has been breeding, collecting, growing, preserving and distributing heirloom corn varieties for over 60 years. He maintains a literal seed library of over 500 varieties of corn, along with beans and other traditional crops. So keen is his understanding of corn, along with beans and other traditional corn that he has ‘wedded’ plants to bring back the traditional corn types previously used by many Native American tribes. Further, Barnes has given back traditional corn types previously used by many Native American tribes. Further, Barnes has given back traditional corn seed to numerous tribes after their own tribal corn had been lost.

The Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative mission statement is as fol-

lows: Mvskoke food sovereignty initiative works to enable the mvskoke people and their neighbors to provide for their food and health needs now and in the future through sustainable agriculture, economic development, community involvement, cultural and educational programs.

Gouge Family Reunion
HENRYETTA — The Gouge family reunion will be held Oct. 28 at Tiger Mountain Ranch & Resort. Registration begin at 6 p.m.

Lots of activities, good food, singing, hayrides and a Halloween costume contest for all ages.

All relatives and friends invited. Those attending are asked to bring their favorite dish and a 12 pack of pop and tent. There will be a lot of camping space available.

For more information, contact Nancy Deere at (918) 756-4272.

Tiger Mountain Ranch & Resort is located seven miles east of Henryetta off of I-40. Take Tiger Mountain exit south and follow the signs.

Benefit Food & Fun Bingo
HOLDENVILLE — Benefit food bingo will be held on November 4 at 6 p.m. at the Holdenville Indian Community Building.

All proceeds will go to help with medical travel expenses for Elliott Barnett. All participation will be greatly appreciated.

Okmulgee YMCA Chili Chase
OKMULGEE — 5k walk/run – 1 mile fun walk/run will be on October 21, 2006.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Diabetes Program Health Heart Project will sponsor the first 25 American Indian individuals or families walkers/runners who register.

The Diabetes Program has sponsored 20 individual entries and five family entries. All individual participants will receive a “Chili Chase Run” T-shirt – Family entries receive two shirts, additional shirts are \$7.50. All participants will meet at the Okmulgee Family YMCA on Saturday, October 21, 2006. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the run/walk begins at 9 a.m..

To use the entry fees provide by the Diabetes Program, call Irene Culley at 1 (918) 636-8735 or Scott Robison at 1 (918) 695-1325. They will fill out participant entry forms and register the participant.

Council Oak planning meeting
TULSA — The Tulsa Indian Community Center will be holding a council oak planning meeting on October 16 at 6 :30 p.m.

The center is locate at 8611 S. Union. Volunteers needed. Free setup for Native American vendors.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Van Driver-Twin Hills-ENP (Part-time)

The purpose of this position is to serve as an outreach representative of the Elderly Nutrition Program by delivering meals and providing support services to home bound elderly tribal members. This involves a significant amount of travel within the service area of the designated Community Center.

Chief Operating Officer (C.O.O.)

The purpose of this position is to serve as the CEO of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System (MNHS) with responsibility for planning, directing and evaluating a comprehensive health care program consisting of preventive, curative, and community health services. The CEO shall have overall administrative responsibility for directing the development, implementation, operation and evaluation of the inpatient/outpatient curative services and community preventative health services within the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The incumbent reports to the Health Systems Board of Directors.

Position: Clinician - Behavioral Health Services

The purpose of the position is to provide services in Counseling and as a Human Services Professional for Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Program. Incumbent provides services in the Eufaula and Okmulgee BHS offices.

Position: Chief Operating Officer (C.O.O.)

The purpose of this position is to serve as the COO of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System (MNHS) with administrative responsibility for planning, directing, and evaluating a comprehensive health care program consisting of preventative, curative and community health services. Position shall have overall responsibility for directing the development, implementation, operation and evaluation of the inpatient/outpatient curative services and community preventative health services within the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as the acting CEO with full delegated authority in the absence of the CEO.

Position: Ultrasound Technician - CNCH

The purpose of the position is to provide consistent patient services using Ultrasound Imaging Modality. Perform Ultrasound procedures and apply principles of safe ultrasound technique. Incumbent will aid the Radiologist in performing specific ultrasound examinations as described in the Radiology Department Policies and Procedures.

Position: I.T. Site Manager - Coweta

The purpose of the position is to provide Computer Systems support for the Coweta Indian Health Clinic. Incumbent will be responsible for the in-

stalling and upgrading computer systems as designated and providing assistance and guidance in the technical and usage areas of computer operations throughout the Clinic. Day-to-day supervision and administrative support is provided by the Health System Administrator. IT support, guidance and direction will be provided by the Information Resources Officer.

Position: Diabetes Clinical Educator/Coordinator - Okemah

The purpose of the position is to provide and coordinate diabetes education and coordinate diabetes care services provided through the Diabetes Program of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System (MNHS). Incumbent will provide foot care and serve as an educational resource in proper foot care and treatment for persons with diabetes.

Physician

The purpose of this position is to provide health care to the designated population of the Muscogee Creek Nation Health System (MNHS) in accordance with the health system guidelines, policies and procedures. Delivery of services are provided in accordance with IHS guidelines, JCAHO standards, State and Federal guidelines and standards and accepted standards of practice as set forth by the American Medical Association or American Osteopathic Association. Incumbent reports to the CMO. Administrative support and supervision is provided by the HSA.

Position: Medical Technologist Supervisor - Coweta

The purpose of the position is to provide supervisory support to the Laboratory and to be responsible for the administrative duties of the Laboratory as well as other duties required of a Medical Technologist to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of disease by performing complex analyses requiring the exercise of independent judgment, correlation of test results and interpretation of findings with respect to normal values.

Health System Administrator - Sapulpa

The purpose of this position is to manage and direct the Sapulpa Indian Health Clinic located in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. The Sapulpa Clinic provides inpatient, outpatient emergency and general medical and dental services to the eligible Native Americans. The incumbent is responsible for day-to-day management, planning and organizing of health care delivery to eligible Native American citizens within designated service area. This is an exempt position as applicable to the provisions of the FLSA. The MNHS provides comprehensive health care services to Native Americans living within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation through the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Community Hospital (CNCH) and five (5) ambulatory health centers in Coweta, Eufaula, Okemah, Okmulgee, Sapulpa. The Health System also maintains six

(6) Field Health operations consisting of the Community Health Representative (CHR); the Elderly Nutrition (ENP); and the Women’s, Infants and Children (WIC) Programs; the Tobacco Prevention Program; the Reintegration Program; and the Diabetes Prevention Programs.

Nutrition Coordinator - WIC

The purpose of the position is to provide nutrition services for Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). This position is responsible for the overall development and management of the nutrition education component of the program to ensure compliance with state goals and federal regulations, and ensure quality nutrition services are provided to the clientele served.

Case Manager - Diabetes Program - Lackey Hall

The purpose of the position is to provide case management to patients meeting the Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Prevention Grant criterion. Incumbent monitors patient progress and coordinate clinic and community resources to assist patients in reaching cardiovascular disease prevention targets.

Billing Technician (Accounts Receivable)

The purpose of the position is to ensure that all billable health services are billed and that payments from patients and third-party payers are recorded to the correct accounts receivable account supported by the appropriate documentation for cash control and revenue recognition.

Billing Technician - Lackey Hall

The purpose of the position is to ensure that all billable health services are billed and that payments from patients and third-party payers are recorded to the correct accounts receivable account supported by the appropriate documentation for cash control and revenue recognition. Incumbent is under the direct supervision of the Business Services Director.

Physical Therapist Assistant - Coweta

The purpose of this position is to plan, develop, direct and coordinate physical therapy activities for inpatient and ambulatory care patients within the designated service area of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System. This position is located at the Coweta Indian Clinic located in Coweta, OK. Incumbent is under direct supervision of the Clinical Director.

Diabetes Educator/Coordinator - Coweta

The purpose of the position is to provide and coordinate diabetes education and coordinate diabetes care services provided through the Diabetes Program of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation-Division of Health Administration (MCN-DHA). Incumbent will provide foot care and serve as an educational resource in proper foot care and treatment for persons with diabetes.

Management Analyst - Lackey Hall

The purpose of this position is to provide a developmental position for a recent college graduate, who is a tribal citizen, to learn about the Muscogee Health System and the health care environment in general.

Radiology Tech-Mammography-CNCH

The purpose of the position is to perform mammographic examinations according to current standards of care and also perform certain routine radiological examinations as described in the Radiology Department Policies and Procedures. Incumbent is under the direct supervision of the Radiology Technologist Supervisor.

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Johnson-O’Malley Program In-Service Training

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Creek Nation JOM Program held its first in-service training for the 2006-2007 school year with a record attendance of superintendents, program coordinators, parent committee members and program staff. For the first time in the history of the JOM program in-service trainings, all 46 school districts were represented with over 170 participants registered for the event.

The highlight of the event was the awarding of the two exemplary JOM school programs that were selected to be honored at the Statewide JOM Conference in March 2007. Our honored schools this year are, Weleetka and Kiefer Public Schools. Making the presentation was Chief A.D. Ellis, Executive Director Claude Sumner, Chief of Staff Mike Flud, National Council Representative Tony Notaro and Human Development Director Dr. Pete Coser.

Chief Ellis gave an informational greeting to the participants in regards to the commitment Creek Nation has to the JOM programs. Chief Ellis explained the importance of working with Congress to insure the national funding. He also assured the school districts that Creek Nation places education as a priority and that his office and the National Council are working not only to maintain the national JOM funding but to have it increased. Chief

Ellis also pointed out that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has been actively involved with the National JOM Association in advocating in Congress for a funding level of \$24 million.

Representative Notaro also gave an encouraging greeting and spoke of the commitment from the Nation Council for the JOM Program. He explained that the National Council has made a commitment to maintain a high quality education for the Creek Nation JOM programs. The National Council has subsidized the funding source for the JOM programs in order to fulfill that commitment.

The JOM Program in-service provides technical training, parent committee training and an opportunity for the programs to network with each other and learn about the different services and programs available through Creek Nation. Presentations were given by Richard Hicks with the Tribal Youth Program, Marcus Proctor with Tobacco Prevention and Rick Clovis with the 4H Program. There was also a special presentation was made by the American Indian Graduate Center on behalf of the Gates Millennium Scholarship.

There will be a special JOM Parent Committee training, “Parents Night Out” on October 17, 2006 at Green Country in Okmulgee. For more information please contact, David Gash at (918) 732-7841.

COLLEGENEWS

Haskell Indian Nations University Update

by Nathan Anderson

LAWRENCE, KS. — The deadline for Haskell’s spring enrollment is November 15. Another proposal has been submitted to the National Council to fund another year of online education for our members, please encourage others to voice their concerns regarding NCA 05-133. Unless submitted and approved by National Council, this bill will not be funded and this program will not be offered in the spring to our members.

We have had great success in our previous semesters with the Muscogee students and welcome those students back, however, the funding previously was covered by the MCN and that allowed for books and online fees to be paid for the respective students. We all agree that education is important, however, seeking the much needed funding for those that can’t leave home to attend a university or afford it, is equally important. We are also considering another location, possibly the Okmulgee or Muskogee area where our members could attend courses as well via the internet. Please speak with your National Council representatives and voice your concerns for NCA 05-133,

For more information, contact Nathan Anderson, Department of Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs/Haskell Indian Nations University at (785) 832-6679, n-anderson@haskell.edu.

Bacone Fall Scholarship Powwow

MUSKOGEE — On Saturday Oct. 28 2006 Bacone college will be holding their Fall Scholarship Powwow. The powwow will be held at the Palmer Center Gym, 2299 Old Bacone Road, Muskogee, OK, from 2 p.m. to midnight.

The Master of Ceremonies will be Sammy “Toni Kei” White. George “Cricket” Shields is the Head Man Dancer. The Head Lady Dancer will be Casey Tsoodle. The Arena Director for the powwow is Kevin Connywerdy. Special invited guests- to the powwow is the Kiowa Gourd Clan

For more information contact Kyle Taylor at (918)360-1086 or e-mail taylorlk@bacone.edu. Art and Crafts space available- call (918) 687-3299.

College of the Muscogee Nation

OKMULGEE — The College of the Muscogee Nation is more than a doorway to a degree; it is the gateway to a higher education emphasizing native culture, values, language and self-determination of an entire people. That is the vision of Ramona Mason, Chair of Board Regents for the new college, one of 37 tribal colleges in development around the country. “Our main priority is to provide an educational environment that encourages intellectual curiosity, self determination, ethnic pride and appreciation for cultural diversity,” said Mason.

The partnership between OSU-Okmulgee and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation began in 2004 and by the fall of 2005, studies got underway in newly refurbished classrooms on the university campus. “The key to establishing a successful tribal college is having Native American faculty and tribal-related courses,” says OSU-Okmulgee President Dr. Bob Klabenes. Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Judge Patrick Moore teaches history classes and Supreme Court Justice Amos McNac teaches Creek Language classes.

“The tribe will be seeking accreditation for the three associate degree programs it’s offering initially,” says Interim college president, Dr. Pete Coser, an OSU faculty for 20 years. Degree programs are Gaming, Tribal Services and Native American Studies. Areas of specialization include Human Services, Administration, Muscogee language and Muscogee Studies.

“The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and OSU-Okmulgee have a long history of working together on many successful projects,” Dr. Coser adds. “We think the College of the Muscogee Nation has the potential to be one of our greatest achievements.”

Professional Internship Program

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FL — Interns develop new skills in their area of expertise and enhance their communication and guest service abilities while working for one of the most recognized and respected companies in the world, DISNEY! Epcot is the Discovery Park at the Walt Disney World Resort. The Epcot Science Team is responsible for the greenhouses, labs and aquaculture facility of The Land, the agriculture pavilion at Epcot.



The Epcot Science Professional Internship Program is designed to provide qualified college students with the opportunity to work in the unique growing areas that are part of the Living with The Land boat ride attraction at Epcot. Become a part of the team that brings the excitement of agricultural sciences to millions of Epcot Guests each year!

Responsibilities: Interns work 30-40 hours/week with some overtime possible. They spend up to 25% of their time leading informative, interactive guest tours through greenhouses and labs, and helping to promote and sell the tours. Interns participate in training sessions, classes, and meetings as scheduled. Other duties vary by discipline:

Aquaculture Operate and maintain a recirculating freshwater facility: monitor filtration systems and water quality, assist in diagnosis and control of disease, and raise fish to marketable size for Epcot restaurants;

Biotechnology (Plant Tissue Culture) Prepare media, tissue culture a wide variety of plants, clean glassware, and collect, package, and deliver tissue-cultured plants to Epcot merchandise locations;

Entomology Rear and maintain insect colonies, release beneficial insects and predator mites into greenhouse crops, assist with research in biological control and greenhouse IPM programs, and maintain entomology-related shows; and

Plant Science Maintain a high-quality show of hydroponically-grown food crops from around

HIGHER EDUCATION POST GRADUATION PROGRAM

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Higher Education Program announces the recent NCA 01-113 legislation passed by the National Council for establishment of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma Post Graduate Program and the availability of funds for graduate assistance for members of the Creek Tribe to further their education beyond a bachelor’s degree for a first time graduate degree.

PURPOSE: The Post Graduate Program is established to provide financial aid opportunities for Creek students to obtain Master’s, Doctoral, and Professional level degrees.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Be an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation with a Bachelor’s degree.
2. Be pursuing a first time master’s or doctorate degree as a full-time/part-time graduate student at an accredited graduate school in the U. S.
3. Contact the Higher Education office for an application.
4. If not already attending graduate school, apply to the graduate program of your choice.
5. Required documents are: original application,

copy of Creek tribal citizenship card, signed privacy statement, photo, education plan, copy of transcript showing bachelor’s degree earned, and a letter of acceptance to the university graduate program.

REVIEW PROCESS: The Post Graduate Program operates as a part of the Human Development Division to be administered by the Higher Education Program. Applications will be reviewed to determine program compliance and eligibility of award.

AWARD PROCESS: In-state applicants have priority, out of state applicants will be considered upon availability of funds. Awards will be mailed to the Students.

AMOUNT OF AWARDS: \$2000 per Semester for full time/\$ 1000 for part time. Funding will be twice per academic year. Limited to two years (four semesters/quarters) for Masters; Limited to three years (six semesters/ quarters) for Doctoral candidates. The closing date for Fall 2006 Semester is Oct. 15, 2006

Tribal and Indigenous Early Childhood Network

ATLANTA, GA — At the National Association on the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Annual Conference on November 8-11, 2006.

We are inviting all Tribal and Indigenous Leaders, Early Childhood Professional, Paraprofessionals including Parents of Indian, Hawaiian and Alaskan Natives children to attend this year’s conference as we will launch our NEW network as part of the NAEYC Interest Forum.

JOIN US AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

Annual Conference: November 8-11, 2006 @ Georgia World Congress Center

Festival of Organization: November 9, 2006 @ Georgia World Congress Center from 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. (Come by our booth) Door Prizes!!!!

Celebration of Diversity Reception: November 9, 2006 @ Georgia World Congress Center From 8:30 p.m. -10 p.m. (Come support the launch of our NEW Network)

INTEREST FORUM: November 10, 2006 @ Georgia World Congress Center

From 5:30 p.m. -7 p.m. (This is the Highlight event and we would like as many of our Native and Indigenous friends to come and take part of our very first forum). Tribal and Indigenous leaders are encouraged to attend this session. Check your program for updated room # and time.

Coordinators: Alvino Sandoval, Dr. Cathy Gutierrez-Gomez, and Gail Goldstein

For more information on our network, e-mail: TribalECHNetwork@hotmail.com, e-mail us to let us know if you are bringing a Tribal or Indigenous Leader so they can be recognized!

Register now to attend the NAWYC annual conference at <http://www.annualconference.naeyc.org/> or visit NAEYC online at <http://www.naeyc.org>. We hope to see you there this year.

ACT preparation course slated at Schusterman Center

NORMAN — High school students studying for the ACT exam can get practical, time-tested advice through a one-day preparation course presented by the University of Oklahoma Outreach.

Pre collegiate Programs, a unit within Outreach, is providing the ACT preparation course, which will explore all sections of the exam, including mathematics, English grammar and usage, reading comprehension and scientific reasoning. Students find that they can improve their scores on the ACT by taking the preparatory course. The course will provide an overview of the testing procedures, suggest strategies that are particular to the types of questions contained in each of the ACT tests and motivate the student to do well on the ACT Assessment.

The review is scheduled for Saturday, September 30 and runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The review will take place at the OU-Tulsa Schusterman Center, 4502 East 41st. The next opportunity to take the ACT preparation in Tulsa is scheduled for January 27, 2007.

Conducting the classes will be Lynne Chesley, Norman High School principal; David

Askey, instructor at Norman High School; and Robert Newman, assistant principal at Chickasha High School.

“We review English, math, and science while integrating test-taking strategies. We also try to help students become familiar with the test

content and format, and we give them a practice test,” Chesley said. Chesley knows of at least one student who said the course helped him raise his ACT score by 10 points. While not all students will raise their scores by that amount, Chesley said that dedicated students would benefit from

taking the class: “Almost every student who has the motivation and self-discipline to practice the strategies we teach in these courses will improve their scores,” Chesley said.

The \$100 registration fee includes instruction, materials, and refreshments, and participants may register online. Students are responsible for their own lunch. For enrollment, more information, or to arrange accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact Pre collegiate Programs at (405) 325-6897 or visit the Web site: <http://youth.ou.edu>.



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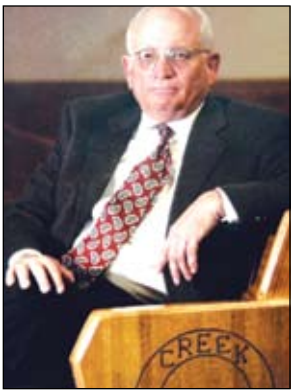
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Native American History Series: Biological & Ethnic Warfare

by Judge Patrick E. Moore

"King Phillip's War" 1675 to 1676 was fought because the Wampanoag and Narragansett Nations suspected British traders of contaminating their villages with smallpox on purpose in order to take over their towns and cultivated fields.



Moore

France and Great Britain waged a continuing war from late in the seventeenth century and throughout the eighteenth century over which one of these European powers would control the riches of North America.

There were four so called "French and Indian" wars, called such because of numerous Indian Nations fighting on the side of France. These "French and Indian" wars resulted in a drastic reduction of North America's Native American population. Never before had the people of North America been exposed to rifle and cannon on the field of battle. Native American people suffered severe losses in both people and land as they were decimated. Native American populations had not completely recovered by the nineteenth century assault on their sovereignty and lands by greedy states assisted by a fledgling United States.

The last of the "French and Indian" wars came to an end in 1763 and it was during this conflict that the first written accounts of biological warfare were recorded for posterity.

Biological warfare was used in the field by British Commanders during the early 1760's against the Algonkian Confederacy led by their great General Chief Pontiac. The Algonkian Confederacy was fighting on the side of France when the Commander of the British army came up with a despicable battle tactic.

Sir Jeffery Amherst, the British

General, sent a letter to one of his subordinates a man named Bouquet suggesting the Algonkian Confederacy be exposed to the deadly disease smallpox. Bouquet by return mail wrote "I will try to contaminate them with some blankets that may fall into their hands and take care not to get the disease myself."

Sir Jeffery Amherst's reply contained the following passage, "You will do well to infect the Indians by means of blankets as well as try every other method that can serve to extirpate this execrable race."

Captain Ecuyer, a British officer under Bouquet's command, made the following entry in his Journal on June 24, 1763, "We gave them two blankets and a handkerchief out of the smallpox hospital. I hope it will have the desired effect."

Captain Ecuyer's report was one of the greatest understatement ever written by any soldier in any war before or since, for within three months smallpox spread through the Algonkian Confederacy like a prairie fire. Smallpox almost entirely wiped out the entire populations of the Mingo, Delaware, and Shawnee Nations plus other Native Americans residing in the Ohio River Valley. The epidemic killed over 100,000 indigenous people.

The United States continued the use of biological warfare tactics after the American Revolution. The United States Army dispensed blankets, gathered from the St. Louis Military Infirmary a smallpox infirmary where United States soldiers were held in quarantine, to Indians trading at Fort Clark on the Missouri River.

When Mandan Indians, living around Fort Clark, began to show signs of smallpox United States Army doctors ordered them to leave the area around Ft. Clark and go out onto the Great Plains to escape the disease, when in fact the object was spread the dreaded smallpox far and wide.

The result of this one biological escapade by the United States was the loss of at least 125,000 Native Americans who were living on the Great Plains, but that was not the end for this planned exposure for smallpox spread even further south and west and before the disease had run its course 300,000 to

400,000 plains and southwestern Native Americans had perished.

Soon the United States government began the policy of removal of all Native Americans east of the Mississippi River in order that land in the east would be available for non-Indian settlers. The resulting military enforced 1,000 mile marches, sometimes at the point of bayonets, without food, medical attention or shelter resulted in the Creek and Seminole Nations losing up to one-half of their entire populations. The Cherokee Nation lost 55% of its citizens on the infamous "Trail of Tears." Foreign newspapers reported these atrocities and several contemporary scholars wrote articles and books concerning treatment of these indigenous peoples by the United States. One United States soldier, who had served under General Andrew Jackson at Horseshoe Bend, later reflected on this death march, said "I have never witnessed such treatment to human beings by a so called civilized government - Had I known at Horseshoe Bend what I witnessed on the Trail of Tears I would have shot General Jackson in the field."

After the War between the States, Muscogee soldiers who had served in the Union Army at Forts in Kansas were delayed in their return Indian Territory at the conclusion of hostilities. Reflected in one officers Journal was language to the effect - politicians want these Creeks to stay in Kansas without provisions and medicine - when they are gone they will have no need for their lands in Indian Territory and the government can then remove Kansas Indians to reservations in Indian Territory, thus freeing Kansas land for "Free Soilers" (a political group who supported Abraham Lincoln for President) settlement.

During the 1930's and 1940's a European, who had studied the United States Indian Removal Policy of the 1800's, relied on these models when formulating and implementing his Lebensraumpolitik (the politics of living space), his name Adolf Hitler.

During the 1990's, when questioned about ethnic cleansing, Slobodan Milosovic replied to the United States peace negotiators - You criticize me - What about your President Andrew Jackson and the Five Civilized Tribes?

Coming and Going in Indian Country

by Joy Harjo

ALBUQUERQUE — Last week I went for a walk along the ditch here in northwest Albuquerque. It was bare. It had been shaved of the mile high weeds and flowers lining it throughout the summer. There was a lull in the water flow so the bottom was now only mud and occasional pools of water. In a few spots crayfish were looking for soft muck. Green heads of frogs emerged here and there. Some frogs took the opportunity to sunbathe. They dove in alamb at the sound of humans or dogs. One wise frog was not so skittish. He sat out on a concrete abutment, taking in the day. I sat with him for a while to see what I could learn. Frogs are rare these days; poisons and pesticides have taken many out. This wise frog and his relatives were the most I'd seen in one place in years. Neither of us said anything as we watched the blue fall sky sweep by, and the scrambling crayfish. At the back of my mind was the stack of papers on my desk, the errands, terrorist attacks by our government, and concern for my brother and his heart. The tightness of fast society slowly unwound. When the wise frog did finally talk he noted that humans used to come and visit. And they would visit in turn. We both sat with remembering as another stream of blue passed with thoughts of clouds. We felt sad at the current state of loss in this world of progress. Somewhere along the way humans got confused and lost the way. Some still remember, I told the frog. I look for those who remember everywhere I travel. He nodded. Some of his people had forgotten too. Time pulled us both apart. We had to get on with it. We made plans to get together again. We thanked each other for the visit. When I looked back he was still there, encouraging that crayfish towards a muddy cove.



Harjo

In the news this month was a story about scientists who are looking for a cure for gay sheep, or rams. They are experimenting with giving the rams extra high doses of estrogen to see if that will counter the tendency for their own kind. Sounds funny to me: the scientists, not the rams. This study probably cost more than a block of new homes for the elderly. Why not come up with a cure for hatred and judgment? We'd all get along a

lot better if we'd respect each other. The wise ones don't judge people by the color of their skin, by accumulation of wealth, or by inborn traits. It's how we treat each other (human, frog, etc), and how we take care of our many gifts, that matters. I wonder what Mekko Frog would say about this? He's probably laughing about those poor rams prancing about on high doses of estrogen, in the name of science.

In the latest World Literature Today, published in Norman, Oklahoma, the cellist Yo-Yo Ma said something in an interview with Michelle Johnson when talking about The Silk Road that sparked me thinking about growth of our Mvskoke culture: "Years ago in Japan, a wise man told me that if you look deeply enough at anything thought of as local--be it music, an idea, a tradition, a craft--you find that the local thing has global roots. We think of ancient people as being so isolated, yet here is this trade route along which religions and music and musical instruments and foods and goods all traveled. Of course, people traveled with them, and the people and the goods and the ideas and everything else all had enormous influence on one another."

I think of the Mississippi River, the Gulf coast, the Atlantic and the Caribbean, as part of the network of Muscogee trade routes. Now these routes have been expanded by air flight. I consider what has come to be known as Muscogee culture. Our culture contains many threads leading all over the world. Every day when I practice my sax I say a Mvto to Adolfe Sax. He was born in Belgium, spent most of his life in Paris where he gave himself over to promoting his family of saxophones. He was vilified and booed by jealous competitors for inventing the saxophone. The sax eventually made it across the Atlantic, found a place in jazz and American music. It's one of the favorite instruments of Creek people. Jim Pepper is still the reigning jazz sax king. I remember Thomas Berryhill. I'd love to hear of others. Even my paternal grandmother Naomi Harjo played sax in Indian Territory. One of these days it might be considered a Mvskoke traditional instrument. That's how these things happen. You never know.

13th Annual Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride

OKMULGEE — On September 18, all the motorcycle riders received a "Warm Mvskoke Welcome" with several hundred people greeting them as they rode into the square at the Creek Council House Museum. The Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce donated cold water served by volunteers from the community. Students from Okmulgee elementary schools drew welcome posters that decorated the fence and grounds around the museum. The Okmulgee Main Street donated goody bags for all of the guests. Community and tribal officials welcomed the riders and the Muscogee scholarship recipients made an emotional thank you to the Ride. Tallahassee Wvokokay led a

Tennessee decided that they wanted to do something to honor the memory of the people who were sent away on the Trail of Tears. The idea for an annual commemorative motorcycle ride was born. Bill Cason and seven other riders began to research the removal and plan

tember was chosen as the date for the annual ride.

The first Ride involved approximately 100 bikes. The riders went to the riverside in Waterloo and said a prayer and then returned to their homes. Word spread about "Riding to Remember"

and each year saw more and more riders join in. Now it's the largest organized ride in the world with over 160,000 bikes in 2005, stretching through the Tennessee and Alabama countryside. As the numbers grew the leadership of the Ride began selling T-shirts, patches and pins to the bikers and put the profits toward a scholarship fund for Native American students to go to college. Now they are sponsoring eleven scholarships in the East. In 2006 the first scholarship for a school in Oklahoma was made available to the College of the Muscogee Nation and has been awarded to three Muscogee students.

Since 2000 a group of 200 to 300 Riders have been coming all the way to Oklahoma just as the Native peoples removed in the 1830's had to do. In 2005 they came to the Muscogee Nation for the first time and felt so well welcomed that they decided to return in 2006.

In January 2007 the decision to come back will be made.



The riders are arriving in downtown Okmulgee.

the Ride. They wanted to depart from Ross's Landing in Chattanooga, Tennessee a well-known landing, stockade and departure site where thousands of Cherokee and several hundred Muscogee people were rounded up, detained and then loaded on boats or marched overland to begin the long trip West.

The Cherokee removal routes are well researched and it was learned that one of them closely followed the modern day US Hwy. 72. The Ride was planned for 210 miles along this highway from Chattanooga, Tennessee to Waterloo, Alabama and the third Saturday in Sep-

Cultural Day

OKMULGEE — The Office of Child Care is sponsoring a Cultural Day for all ages on October 13 beginning at 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the south side of the Mound. Concession will be available. All events are free.

Event and activities include: Stickball; Stompdance; Creek Hymn Singing; Flute making; Finger weaving and many more.

For more information, call Newman Frank at (918) 732-7680 or (800) 205-3705.

Native American Research Seminar

MUSKOGEE — A Native American Research Seminar will be held October 21 from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Muskogee Public Library, located at 801 W. Okmulgee.

A presentation by Treasa Golden Wolf on "Researching your Family Tree-Steps to Citizenship" will be discussed.

For more information, call the library at (918) 682-6657.

Koweta Fall Powwow

COWETA — The Koweta Fall Powwow will be held November 18 at the First United Methodist Church, located at 206 W. Sycamore.

The gourd dance will begin at 2 p.m., supper will start at 5 p.m. and the War Dance begins at 6 p.m.

The head staff includes: emcee, Archie Mason; head gourd dancer, Luther "Bunny" Factor; head man, Karl Beaton; head lady, Patty Beaton; head singer, Jeremy Barnett and arena directors, Dewayne Cahwee and Rick Tucker.

For more information, contact Martha Squire at (918) 486-4944.

Ribbons the Clown visits with children

YEAGER — The Creek Nation Head Start, Yeager Center, children were visited on September 6 by Ribbons the Clown.

She entertained the children with tricks and games during the weekly theme "feelings."

The children actively participated in songs, tricks, and movements.

The children expressed happy feelings and laughter while watching balloons turn into animals.



Ribbons the Clown

Senior Services Update by Jackson Barnett, Manager

Report on Senior Citizens trip to the American Indian Elders Conference in Oklahoma City.

The group totaling 14 seniors departed Creek Nation at 8 a.m., Wednesday, September 6. We were headed for Oklahoma City to attend the Annual American Indian Elders Conference.

There were a number of break-out sessions dealing with issues that might be of interest to Indian Elders. We were free to select the ones we wanted to attend. There were two sessions in the mornings and two in the afternoon. A few door prizes were given out in each session. I lucked out and won a conference theme poster in one and a full massage in another. The only thing about that is I have to make an appointment and go to Oklahoma City. I guess I'll have to do without.

An honor banquet and ceremo-

ny was held Thursday night to recognize some elders in the Indian Communities. Three Mvskoke Elders were honored for their work and contributions in their respective tribes. Those honored with a very nice glass plaque were Rebecca Lindsey, for her work around the Cromwell area. The second was Millie Colbert, who works for the Creek Nation Language Program. The third was Jackson Barnett, Creek Nation Senior Services Program Manager. Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, who make the selections, was also present.



Pictured (l to r): Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, Millie Colbert, Jackson Barnett, Senior Services Manager and Rebecca Lindsey.

The conference was well attended and the information presented was very useful to many of us. The Mvskoke Seniors who make the trip were happy to have gone.

All for now until next time.

Tulsa hosts 30th Annual NICOA Conference

by Ruth Bible

TULSA — The National Indian Council On Aging, Inc. (NICOA) held their 30th annual conference on September 16-19 at the Tulsa Convention Center.

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis was a keynote speaker along with Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith, Osage Nation Chief Jim Gray, Oklahoma Representative Dan Boren, Franks Burns Deputy Assistance Secretary Administration on Aging, Barbara Kennedy, President and CEO National Committee to preserve Social Security and Medicare and Robyn Golden Chair of American Society on Aging, James De La Cruz NICOA Chairman, Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging (OICOA) Area Chairman and Steve Wilson, MCN Program Manager of Elderly Nutrition. Wilson introduced Reverend Jimmy Alexander who gave invocation (Wilson and Alexander both are Muscogee Creek Citizens). Chief Ellis proudly introduced Muscogee Creek Original Allottee Martha Berryhill whom celebrated her 107th birthday on July 12.

The American Indian Chamber



The 30th Annual National Indian Conference on Aging attendees listen to the many speakers.

of Commerce of Oklahoma hosted a Pow-Wow for the attendee of the annual conference on Saturday evening.

Other Tribal dignitaries in attendance on Sunday included Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel.

Monday's speakers included Choctaw Nation Principal Chief Gregory Pyle, Dr. Charles Grim, Director of Indian Health Services.

Tuesday's speakers were Dr. Bill Thomas Founder of the Eden Initiative and AARP Visiting Scholar, Sandy Markwood, CEO National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

NICOA was founded in 1976 by members of the National Tribal Chairmen's Association that called for a national organization to advocate for improved, comprehensive health and social services to American Indian and Alaska Native Elders. In addition to providing service through several grants from agencies within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, NICOA operates as a National Sponsor of the federal Senior Community Service Employment program

(SCSEP) in 15 states through a grant from the Department of Labor. After nearly 30 years, the organization continues to provide service as the nation's foremost advocate for American Indians and Alaska Native Elders. NICOA is governed by a 13-member board of directors composed of American Indian and Alaska Native Elders representing each of the 12 Bureau of Indian Affairs regions, and a representative of the National Association of Title VI Grantees. NICOA voting membership consists of American Indian/Alaska Native Elders age 55 and over. Non-voting associate members include Indians under the age of 55 and non-Indians of all ages.

For more information, visit their website: www.nicoa.org.



Martha Berryhill and daughter, Ruby, stop and pose for a picture.

Medicare releases data on 2007 Drug Plan Options

Seniors who are satisfied with their current Medicare prescription drug coverage will not have to take any action when the Medicare Open Enrollment period begins November 15th, but those who wish to make a change will find new options with lower costs and more comprehensive coverage available for 2007. They will also find new tools from Medicare to help them make a choice. Surveys consistently show over 80 percent of Medicare beneficiaries are satisfied with their current coverage and drug plans. As a result of the Medicare prescription drug benefit, more than 38 million seniors and people with disabilities now have some form of drug coverage.

The monthly premium beneficiaries will pay in 2007 will average \$24 if they stay in their current plan -- about the same as in 2006. While some people will see an increase in their current plan premiums, they have the option to switch plans. Nationally, 83 percent of beneficiaries will have access to plans with premiums lower than they are paying this year, and beneficiaries will also have access to plans with premiums of less than \$20 a month.

Beneficiaries will have more plan options that offer enhanced coverage, including zero deductibles and coverage in the gap for both generics and preferred brand name drugs. Plans are adding drugs to their formularies. Nationwide the average number of drugs included on a plan formulary will increase by approximately 13 percent, and plans will also use utilization management tools at a lower rate.

"The Medicare prescription drug benefit, passed by Congress and signed into law by the President, is saving seniors an average of \$1,200 a year, and it just keeps getting better," HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt said. "In 2007, there will be more plans with coverage in the gap, more drugs covered, and more help from Medicare in choosing the plan that's best for you."

During the 2007 bidding process, strong competitive pressure resulted in bids (costs of coverage) that average 10 percent less than in 2006. According to guidance from the Centers for Medicare

& Medicaid Services (CMS), each drug plan or health plan needed to show meaningful variation in their plan choices, including only two basic coverage options per region. CMS also encouraged plans to offer a third option only if it included enhanced benefits, such as providing coverage in the coverage gap ("donut hole") or covering excluded drugs.

"With next year's drug coverage, we want to build on the high level of beneficiary satisfaction in 2006 by strengthening the drug benefit in key ways," said CMS Administrator Mark B. McClellan, M.D., Ph.D. "As a result of robust competition and smart choices by seniors, plans are adding drugs, removing options that were not popular, and providing more options with enhanced coverage."

"If you're satisfied with your coverage, you do not have to do anything during the Open Enrollment period. If you are considering a change, Medicare has new tools to help," Dr. McClellan said.

Across the country, nearly all beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare prescription drug plans will be able to remain in the plan in which they enrolled for 2006 since almost all Part D sponsors are either continuing their current plans in 2007 or streamlining and consolidating their 2006 plans. They will be able to choose from plans that offer enhanced benefits or services, such as coverage in the gap and little or no deductible. Beneficiaries will have a wide range of plans that have zero deductibles, some of which also offer other enhanced benefits. There are also options that cover generics and preferred brand name drugs through the coverage gap for as low as \$38.70, and generally for under \$50.

Beneficiaries with limited incomes who qualify for the extra help will have a range of options available for comprehensive coverage. Beneficiaries who qualify for the full Medicare subsidy will pay no premiums or deductibles in these plans. Nationally, over 95 percent of low income beneficiaries will not need to change plans to continue to receive this coverage for a zero premium.

There are eight new national organizations offering drug plans to ben-

eficiaries, in addition to the nine national organizations that were available in 2006. The list of national plans can be found at www.medicare.gov/medicarereform/local-plans-2007.asp.

In general, beneficiaries will also have greater access to Medicare Advantage health plans next year, generally with lower costs for drug coverage. These plans offer an opportunity for additional benefits beyond those covered in the original Medicare program, with savings that average around \$82 a month for hospital and physician benefits. In addition to these savings, Medicare Advantage plans provide overall care coordination, and more effective use of drugs that lead to savings in other health care costs. As a result, the cost of drug coverage in Medicare Advantage plans is about \$6 a month lower on average nationally in 2007 than in 2006. In addition, most beneficiaries will have access to plans that provide basic drug coverage for \$0, and many will have access to plans that also provide coverage in the gap for \$0.

In addition to prescription drug plans, Medicare beneficiaries in 39 states will have access to the first Medical Savings Account plans and related consumer-directed plans ever available in Medicare. These plans provide Medicare beneficiaries with more control over their health care utilization and health care costs, while providing them with important coverage against catastrophic health care costs.

Beneficiaries who want to consider other options will have access to help from many sources in the fall including: A notice of any coverage changes from their drug plan, coming at the end of October; The enhanced Medicare Drug Plan Finder will be available in mid-October; 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227) which will be available 24/7; The Medicare & You 2007 handbook, the annual handbook that explains Medicare coverage, which beneficiaries will receive in October; and Local organizations such as the State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs) and thousands of other Medicare partner organizations that will provide personalized assistance throughout the fall.

Long-Term Care, Consumer Issues Dominate State Legislative Successes information gathered from AARP.com/ok

This was a successful year in the state Legislature for issues important to AARP members in Oklahoma. Highlights of the legislative session included the passage of these bills, supported by AARP and signed by Gov. Brad Henry (D).

Long-Term Care Oversight: Senate bill 1850, sponsored by Sen. Bernest Cain (D-Oklahoma City) and Rep. Lee Denney (R-Cushing), creates new responsibilities for the recently revamped Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators. The board will be able to deny an initial application and renewal application by a nursing home administrator.

The board will also be able to warn, censure or impose administrative fines or other remedies on administrators.

Opportunities for Independent Living: Senate bill 2017, sponsored by Sen. Constance Johnson (D-Oklahoma City) and Rep. Thad Balkman (R-Norman), extends the Strategic Planning Committee on the Olmstead Decision (the Supreme Court decision on care for people with disabilities) until July 1, 2007. It creates the Opportunities for Independent Living Act, which establishes a three-year pilot program to help qualified individuals with disabilities living in institutions make the transition into the community.

Identity Theft Protection: Senate bill 1748, sponsored by Sen. Randy Bass (D-Lawton) and Rep. Terry Ingmire (R-Stillwater), requires consumer credit reporting agencies to place a security freeze on a credit report and remove the freeze at the request of the consumer. The new law also exempts consumers age 65 and older and all identity theft victims from paying fees to place a security freeze on their credit files or remove one.

Elder Exploitation Law: Senate bill 1793, sponsored by Sen. Ron Justice (R-Chickasha) and Rep. Phil Richardson (R-Minco), creates tougher penalties for criminals who prey on older people. Under the new Elder Exploitation Law, a person convicted of any exploitation involving the theft of property, assets or funds valued at more than \$100,000 will face a sentence of up to 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. If the theft is less than \$100,000, the violator will face a sentence of up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Regardless of amount, the crime is considered a felony. The bill also allows charges to be filed up to seven years after the date of discovery of an act of exploitation.

Lottery Ticket Prohibition: Senate bill 1089, sponsored by Sens. Kathleen Wilcoxen (R-Oklahoma City) and Sally Kern (R-Oklahoma City), bans the sale of state lottery tickets at pawn shops, payday lenders and check-cashing businesses.

Limiting Medicaid Reform Act: AARP Oklahoma opposed the Medicaid Reform Act of 2006, which allows the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to seek waivers to the state's Medicaid program. AARP Oklahoma opposed the bill because of its many unanswered questions about the voucher program and its impact on beneficiaries. Despite the bill's passage, AARP and other opponents of the bill were able to add language that effectively makes the first phase of the waiver program a pilot test, with provisions for an independent evaluation of access to health care, health care outcomes and cost efficiencies. The waiver will not be expanded statewide unless the governor and Legislature determine that it produces improvements in these three areas.

Future Opportunities: The 2006 Oklahoma Legislature produced some important victories for the state's older residents, but lawmakers failed to address issues including additional staffing requirements for Alzheimer's disease units, a permanent state funding solution for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and additional rights for grandparents raising grandchildren. The Oklahoma Aging Partnership, a coalition that includes AARP Oklahoma, the Oklahoma State Council on Aging, the Oklahoma Aging Alliance and the Oklahoma Silver Haired Legislature Alumni Association, will continue communicating its position to state legislators on these and other issues crucial to older Oklahomans.

AARP News and Information

Identity theft is big business. Losses to businesses total \$50 billion annually, the Federal Trade Commission reports. In the last five years, 27 million Americans have had their identities stolen.

Stealing Your Good Name : The identity thief gets your personal information in many inventive ways. Rings of identity thieves often go to city dumps or apartment dumpsters to comb through trash to get receipts with names and financial information. E-mail fishing expeditions are another way. Pretending to be e-Bay users or businesses you have used, the crooks e-mail you saying that a question about your account has come up and they just want to make sure your information is correct. Identity thieves are skilled liars.

Identity thieves also do the following:

- Steal your purse or wallet
- Pilfer information from your mail box such as bank statements and pre-approved credit card applications
- Act as your employer, loan officer or landlord to get your credit report
- Watch your transactions at automated teller machines and phone booths to capture your ATM card personal identification number (PIN)

Guarding Yourself : In the face of the increasing epidemic of I.D. theft, what can you do? The first thing is to get as much information about identity theft as you can. Read articles in the newspapers and magazines. Watch TV programs that discuss identity theft. Check your credit report at least once a year and correct any errors.

Next, don't give out your Social Security number unless it's absolutely required, for example by the federal or state governments. Don't have your number printed on your checks. Get a new driver's license that doesn't show your number. Some businesses routinely include Social Security numbers on their application forms, for example, a well-known video rental chain. Ask any business why it needs your number. When customers resist, managers usually waive it.

Other steps you can take include:

- Carefully get rid of papers with personal information. Tear up or shred charge receipts, bank statements, expired credit cards, credit offers.
- Cut back the number of cards you carry. Don't routinely take your Social Security number, birth certificate or passport with you.
- Be aware of others who are nearby when you're using your PIN. Don't throw your ATM receipt in the wastebasket.
- Don't give your credit card or bank account number over the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet unless you confirm you are dealing with an actual representative of a legitimate business.
- Secure personal information in your home, especially if you employ outside help or are having work done in your home.

PBS Will Air 'Can You Afford to Retire?'

After you have voted for the candidate of your choice on Nov. 7, make another wise choice Nov. 10 and watch the Public Broadcasting Service "Frontline" program "Can You Afford to Retire?" This one-hour, encore presentation is hosted by award-winning journalist Hedrick Smith and outlines major shifts in the costs and responsibility for retirement savings. The documentary also explores many of the factors placing retirement security at risk: an increase in individual responsibility for retirement savings, longer life expectancy, a lack of investor savvy and a crowded and complex financial marketplace.

"Can You Afford to Retire?" will air on most PBS stations across the country. Check your local listings for the time in your area. Member outreach for this documentary and other financial security programs is just one way AARP works to address the financial and retirement security needs of all generations of Americans. If you'd like to learn more about your financial security, visit online at www.aarp.org/finance.

Health Discoveries

Insulin Influence : New studies are confirming that people with diabetes or obesity are at greater risk for Alzheimer's, researchers reported at an international conference in July.

In an aging country, with an estimated 73 million Americans who have diabetes or pre diabetes, the findings could mean a surge in dementia cases. But "changes in diet and exercise and drugs already developed for diabetes may prove useful to better treat and prevent Alzheimer's," says Ronald Petersen, M.D., director of the Mayo Clinic's Alzheimer's Disease Center.

Diabetics do not properly produce or use insulin, a hormone that regulates the body's use of sugar. Imaging studies indicate that dementia advances as insulin levels in the brain fall. Imaging also enables doctors to diagnose dementia earlier and learn what drugs and other therapies are effective.

Reverend Jimmy Anderson honored 50 years of service

HOLDENVILLE — Rev. Jimmy Anderson was honored for 50 years of service in the ministry on Sept. 14, 2006 at Many Springs Baptist Church.

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis presented him with a plaque and he also received a quilt made by several ladies in the church.

Jimmy was born Aug. 14, in Kansas City, Mo. to Norman and Mattie (Stidham) Anderson, full-blood Creeks. His father died in 1933 in Kansas City.

In 1934, the family moved to Holdenville and lived with their aunt, Lillie Stidham. She helped raise the family. Jimmy's sister, Ruby, would attend Eufaula Boarding School and then Haskell Institute. Richard, his brother, would attend Euchee Boarding School, go in the military, and then attend Haskell. Jimmy attended Euchee from 1944-1947 and then would enroll at Haskell, graduating in 1954.

Jimmy then attended the University of Oklahoma 1955 to 1957, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

During those years, Jimmy was a member of the First Indian Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, which became South Central Baptist Church. In 1956, Jimmy surrendered to the call to the ministry and was licensed by the church.

In 1958 to 1961, God opened the doors for Jimmy to enroll at

Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In 1959, Jimmy married Cowena Sue Bruner and she returned to Eastern Seminary with him. Cowena became secretary to the Seminary Vice President.

After graduation in 1961, Jimmy and Cowena came to Oklahoma where he became an assistant to Dr. B. Frank Belvin, General Missionary to the Muskogee/Seminole/Wichita Baptist Association. In November of 1961, Jimmy was ordained by Many Springs Church. Cowena became Dr. Belvin's secretary. They served the pastors and churches with Dr. Belvin through the fall of 1963, when Dr. Belvin and Victor Kaneubbe, asked if the young couple would accept the pastorate of the Fruitland Navajo Baptist Mission, near Farmington, New Mexico.

During 1963-1954, they served this congregation over a year until the Home Mission Board asked them to apply as missionaries under their Language Missions Department.

From 1964 to 1967, Jimmy and Cowena served 3 Navajo Baptist Mission points on the reservation-Mexican Springs, Tohatchi, and Naschitti.

During 1967-1970, the couple then accepted the pastorate at the First Indian Baptist Church in Gallup, N.M., and at Ft. Wingate.

From 1970 to 1974, Jimmy accepted the pastorate at First Indian Baptist Mission at Shawnee, Oklahoma and would help lead them to be a self-supporting church. The church began an Indian Alcohol Recovery Center and helped secure Indian counselors for the Shawnee Mid-High and High School.

In 1974 through 1986, the couple then accepted the position as General Missionaries to the MSW Baptist Association, assuming the position held by Dr. Belvin. During these years, mission teams began going out across the country.

During 1987 to 1994, Jimmy became Statewide Indian Church Developer for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. Mission teams continued and training classes started for the pastors and churches.

From 1994 to 1997, Jimmy accepted the position of National Indian Consultant for the Home Mission Board, succeeding Russell Begaye, who became the Director of the Language Missions Department of the Home Mission Board. Mission teams would go to



Rev. Jimmy Anderson ministering during services at Many Springs Baptist Church.

Alaska, Central America, Australia, New Zealand, and Mexico.

Jimmy retired in June, 1997, but he and Cowena remained with the Board for one more year, until a replacement was found. In retirement, the couple has not remained idle. He is still taking mission teams out, helping native people as the calls come.

In 2002, the couple went out to Stroud, Oklahoma and Jimmy became Interim Pastor of the Gloryland Baptist Church, among the

Sac and Fox people.

From 2003 until present, Jimmy is Associate Pastor of Many Springs Baptist Church, Holdenville, the home church of both him and Cowena, having been raised here on the grounds as young people growing up. Cowena is the daughter of a former pastor of Many Springs, Revered Arthur J. Bruner.

Jimmy and Cowena have four sons, Jeffrey, Jon, Billy, and Andrew, and six grandchildren.

3rd Annual Church Meeting

OKMULGEE — The 3rd Annual Church Leaders Meeting was held on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Alfred Berryhill, Second Chief began with a opening song/prayer.

Principal Chief A. D. Ellis, welcomed and explained the purpose of the meeting.

National Council Representatives explained the special appropriation and grant process.

Agencies of the tribe gave an overview of Services. Involved were Ben Chaney Transit System, Yvette Wiley, Environmental Specialist and IHS Representative Cason Le Blanc.

National Council Okmulgee District Representatives William "Bill"

Jones and James Jennings were also in attendance. Some of the questions asked to Transit Authority Ben Chaney dealt with road paving.

Second Chief Berryhill spoke about plans to purchase four acres to put a Creek National Cemetery within our jurisdiction one each for the north and southern part of Creek Territory.

Reverend Rachel Boyiddle a Western Delaware spoke about the past five years serving in and around Creek Nation. Boyiddle spoke about how the tribe supports their churches. She has Mutteloke, Pickett and Springfield Churches. She spoke of the joint effort with the tribe and the members of Springfield Church.



Third Annual Churches Leaders meeting.



Chief Ellis is pictured with Rev. Jimmy Anderson after receiving his proclamation.

Church Activities

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

OKEMAH — Prairie Springs Indian Baptist Church will be hosting a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on October 14 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Okemah Park. Free hotdogs and drinks for everyone.

Age groups include: boys, 12-14 and 15-18; girls, 12-14 and 15-18. The team must consist of 4 man roster and if you are 18 years old, you must be in high school. Players participating must be at the Okemah Park to sign up between 9 to 9:30 a.m. Brackets will be drawn at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call Elton Smith at (405) 395-9303 or Chad Smith at (405) 382-6126.

Sports Festival

DAVIS — A Sports Festival will be held at the Indian Falls Creek grounds on October 21 beginning at 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Events include: 3 on 3 basketball, adult, middle and high school; Sand Co-ed Volleyball (recreation and spike), adult, middle and high school; Kickball, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th; 5k Run/Walk, all ages; Horse shoes, adults male and female; Chess and Checkers, all ages; Little Olympics, 5th grade and younger; Golf Tournament, all ages and games.

Lunch and Worship service at noon. Each church will supply their own meal. Bring blankets or lawn chairs. Worship service will be directed

by the Native Youth and Young Adult Conference.

Entry fee is donations only. Donations are not mandatory to participate. Make checks payable to Indian Falls Creek. Registration Fee is \$1 per person. Deadline for entry is October 16. E-mail, mail or call in your churches entry list of events entered to Victor Cope, 514 Ann Drive, Tecumseh, OK 74873, phone (405) 598-8720 or to Ndnrev@aol.com

In case of inclement weather, worship service will be in the amphitheater until the conditions improve.

Fall Festival

HENRYETTA — Randall Indian Baptist Church will be hosting a Fall Festival on October 28. A weiner roast will start at 4 p.m. and worship service begins at 6 p.m. Games and a hayride will begin immediately following the service.

The church is located one mile south and one mile west of Wilson School.

100th year Celebration

OKEMAH — High Spring Church will be celebrating their 100th year of service on November 4 at 11 a.m. There will be a worship service by Rev. George Doyle, Hog Fry, Creek and gospel singing hosted by Rev. Eastman Factor.

For more information, call Richard at (405) 257-3512, Zelma at (405) 944-5970 or Pastor at (405) 944-9936.

The church is located five miles south of Okemah on Highway 27.

2006 Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Appointments

ANADARKO — The following appointments were made at the 2006 Annual Conference Session of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church, held June 8 through 11.

(Bold print= changes in appointment, status of appointee, or circuit changes).

- Arbeka/Seminole Hitchitee, Abe Jackson FE/FT
- Big Cussetah, Tommy Vann PL
- Broken Arrow, Belle Harjo FL
- Canterbury Chapel TBS, Meri Whitaker SY
- Choska/Mutteloke, Michael Eddy PL
- Christ UMC, Eli McHenry PL
- Concharthy/Honey Creek TBS, Newman Frank, Jr. Lay/SY
- Covers Chapel TBS
- Davis Chapel, Ben Ewing PL
- D.D. Etchieson/Stilwell Mission, Brad Drowningbear FE/FT
- Fife Memorial TBS, Anita Phillips SY

- Grant Chapel TBS, Walter McGirt SY
- Haikey Chapel/Springtown, July Tecumseh FL
- Lawrence Indian/Sullivan Chapel/Kahbeah Fellowship, Julienne Judd FE/FT
- Kaney Chapel TBS, Jerry Baker RE
- Little Cussetah, Judy Aaron PL
- Nagawee, Becky McMillan PL
- New Hope, Roger Scott FE/FT
- Newtown, June Thomas FL
- Pickett Chapel, William Foote, Sr. FL
- Salt Creek/Wewoka, James Smith PL
- Springfield/Thlopthlocco, Rachel Boyiddle PL
- Thewarley/Yeager, David Dunson PL
- Tulsa Indian TBS-Don Jones R

Muscogee, Seminole and Wichita Association 4th Sunday Dates			
Alabama Cedar Spring Cold Spring Forest Creek Mission Hutchachuppa Little Coweta Little Quarsarty Many Springs Okmulgee Prairie Spring Spring Weogufkee West Eufaula Yardeka Quarsada Alabama	Artusse Bemo Beaver Bird Creek Deep Fork Hillabee Hickory Ground #2 Hillabee Mekusukey Middle Creek #2 Montesoma Okfuskee Pigeon Sand Creek Eufaula Silver Spring Tulmochussee Wetumka	Baptist S.S. Mission Butler Creek Cedar Creek Cedar Creek Eufaula Grave Creek Greenleaf Nuyaka Ross Mission Sand Creek Sand Spring Thewarthle Tookparfka Tuskegee Seminole Arbeka Wekiwa Wewoka	Arbeka Big Arbor Cedar River Hickory Ground #1 High Spring (Okemah) High Spring (Konawa) Little Cussetah Middle Creek #1 New Arbor Randall Rock Spring Salt Creek Snake Creek #1 Snake Creek #2 Seminole Baptist Vian Creek Trenton
October 1 October 29 November 26 December 24	October 8 November 5 December 3 December 31	October 15 November 12 December 10 January 7, 2007	October 22 November 19 December 17 January 14, 2007

BIRTHS

Ryan James Alexander

TULSA — Ryan James Alexander was born June 16 at Tulsa Regional Medical Center to Tricia Todd and Tony Alexander. He weighed 7 lbs. and 5 oz. and was 20 inches in length. Maternal grandparents are Ira (Poncho) Fields, Jr. of Tulsa and Cheri and the late Mike Haney of Glenpool. Maternal great-grandparents are Marie and the late Ira Fields, Sr. and Pauline and the late Woodrow Haney, all of Glenpool. Paternal grandparents are Pastor Jimmy and Lorena Alexander of Glenpool. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Mildred and Marlin Johnson and Pastor Bill and Mary Alexander of Oakhurst. He is of the Tiger clan and Polecat (Kellyville) Stomp Grounds. Ryan has one sister, Serena, and brother, Jacob Todd.



Alisia Ann Lindsey

TAHLEQUAH — Alisia Ann Lindsey was born July 8 at Hastings Hospital to Freeland Lindsey and Krystal Wind of Eufaula. She weighed 7 lbs. and 10 oz. and was 19 ½ inches in length. Paternal grandparents are Todd and Peggy Sangl of Eufaula and the late Buddy Lindsey, Jr. of Okmulgee. Maternal grandparents are Daniel and Elkeena Wind, and Stephanie Carmona, all of Okmulgee.



Johnathan Michael Young

STILLWATER, Minn. — Johnathan Michael Young was born August 22 at Lakeview Hospital to Michael and Julia Ybarra-Young. He weighed 7 lbs. and 8 oz. and measured 21 ½ inches in length. Maternal grandparents are Julian Ybarra Jr. and Mary Frances (Frank) Ybarra of Manhattan, Kansas. His maternal great-grandparents are the late John and Nancy Frank of Okemah. He has three sisters, Mikayla, Marisa and Mya.



BIRTHDAYS

Quineshia Lynn Carr

SHAWNEE — Quineshia Carr celebrated her sixth birthday on September 8 with a “Bratz” theme party at her Aunt Sylvia Davis’ home. Quineshia is the daughter of Maxine and Ron Graham and Quinon Carr. Paternal grandparents are Joy Carr and the late Don Carr of Castle. Maternal grandparents are Roosevelt Davis of Wewoka and LaRuth Davis of Shawnee. Quineshia is of Creek and Seminole descent and of the Bear clan.



Christian and Deborah Cloud

TAHLEQUAH — Christian Cloud turned six years old on July 27 and Makai Dunson turned two years old on July 12, with a “Clifford the Big Red Dog” theme party at Okemah Lake. Christian and Deborah, are the daughters of Dustin and Shannon Cloud of Tahlequah and LaCreshia Littlehead of Broken Arrow. They are of the Turtle clan and members of Duck Creek and Nuyaka Ceremonial grounds. Christian and Deborah have three brothers, Derek, Daniel and Nathan and sisters, Destiny and Sadie.



Aubree Michelle Davis

SHAWNEE — Aubree Michelle Davis celebrated her first birthday on September 25 with a “Princess” theme party. Aubree is the daughter of Brandon Davis-Barkus and Priscilla Schimmel. Paternal grandparents are Ron and Maxine Graham and Rodney Barkus of Oklahoma City. Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Crystal Schimmel of Shawnee. She is of Creek, Seminole and Pottawatomie descent and is of the Bear clan.



Makayla Lynn and Makai Dunson

OKEMAH — Makayla Lynn Dunson turned seven years old on July 27 and Makai Dunson turned two years old on July 12, with a “Clifford the Big Red Dog” theme party at Okemah Lake. Makayla is the daughter of Tara Kay Dunson and Boone Watson. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Randi Dunson of Okemah and Donna Dunson of Tulsa. Paternal grandmother is Amy Hill of Okemah. Makai Dunson is the son of Anthony Dunson. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Randi Dunson of Okemah and Donna Dunson of Tulsa.



Madison Jolene and Marissa Riann Proctor

TULSA — Madison Jolene turned four years old on September 5 with a “Dora” theme party at Chuck E. Cheese. Marissa Riann turned 10 years old on September 26 with a “Bratz” theme party at Incredible Pizza. They are the daughter of Marva Jackson. Maternal grandparents are Flora and Joe Jackson.



MUSCOGEE PEOPLE

BIA names Kelly Harjo as Superintendent Okmulgee Agency, Eastern Oklahoma Region

MUSKOGEE — Regional Director Jeanette Hanna has announced she has named Kelly N. Harjo as Superintendent of the Okmulgee Agency in the Eastern Oklahoma Region of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The appointment was effective August 20, 2006. Harjo, comes to his appointment after having served in various management positions at the BIA’s Headquarters, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office in Muskogee.

“I am very pleased that Kelly Harjo will be taking the leadership role at our Okmulgee Agency,” Hanna said. “His level of knowledge, as well as his programmatic and managerial experience, will ensure that the BIA will continue its commitment to providing quality service to the four Federally recognized Tribes serviced by the Okmulgee Agency.”

As Superintendent, Harjo will provide Bureau services to the four Tribes - Muskogee (Creek) Nation, Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Kialegee Tribal Town, and Thlopthlocco Tribal Town - and oversee the administration and day to day operations of the Agency; the Agency is one of six field sites in the Eastern Oklahoma Region. Services are provided by the Okmulgee Agency to the four Tribes and its Tribal members residing in its service area. The Agency delivers trustee services for both restricted and Tribal trust lands and oversight of Tribal operations. The Superintendent is the key Government official for the Bureau at this organization level.

Mr. Harjo began his career with the Federal Government in 1982 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Budget Office in Washington D.C. In 1988, he was promoted to a Budget Analyst position and in 1996, accepted a similar position in the BIA’s Division of Transportation Headquarters’ office in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Harjo was extensively involved with implementing a process to distribute Indian Reservation Roads funding to all Tribes participating in the program. In October, 2005, Mr. Harjo joined the Eastern Oklahoma Region.

Harjo, who was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma and raised in Tulsa, is a 1979 graduate of Union High School in Tulsa.



Creek citizen joins Children’s Medical Center staff

ALBUQUERQUE — Pediatric surgeon, Bryan C. Weidner, M.D., has joined the Children’s Medical Center at Presbyterian Hospital and adds many surgical procedures, including laparoscopic surgery for infants and children, to the Center’s wide range of pediatric services.

Dr. Weidner received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania and completed surgical training at Duke University. He completed his pediatric surgery fellowship at the University of Washington. His most recent teaching and surgical posts were at the University of Alabama Department of Surgery. He has published extensively on pediatric surgery and care and has won many awards for his outstanding teaching.

Dr. Weidner is the son of Dr. Larry Weidner and Sue Chaney Weidner. He is the grandson of the late Dora S. Colbert Chaney.

He is a member of the Bear clan.



Bruner-Still chosen for “Gimme the Mike” contestant

TULSA — Carmen Bruner-Still was chosen to be one of the twenty semi-finalists out of 300 entries on KOTV, Channel 6, “Gimme the Mike” talent contest.

She had the opportunity to perform on a televised show on July 24th, on stage at the Cain’s Ballroom. She sang the gospel song “Stand” by Donnie McClurkin. Carmen lost by one point from becoming a finalist.

Bruner-Still is a member of the Bristow Indian Community and Rogers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

She is the daughter of Lewis and Rachel Bruner. Her tribal town is Wakokiye and she belongs to the Wind clan.



Moore named Indian Physician of the Year

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) has named Dr. Kelly Moore as the 2006 Indian Physician of the Year. Dr. Susan Sloan, AAIP Board of Directors President, presented the award to Moore during the organization’s 35th Annual Meeting and National Health Conference on August 8.

“Her longtime support of AAIP, her contributions to the organization’s activities, and her outstanding personal accomplishments as an American Indian physician were recognized with this award,” said Margaret Knight, AAIP Executive Director.

Moore has been an active member of AAIP since 1987. She is a 1983 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and completed a residency in Pediatrics at the University of Oklahoma Tulsa Medical College. She currently is a clinical consultant with the Indian Health Service Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She began her career with the Indian Health Service on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona. During the mid 1990’s, she served as the clinical director and sole pediatrician for the Pima Indians of the Gila River Indian Community of southern Arizona. While there, she became interested in the growing public health concern of type 2 diabetes in American Indian youth and began her first experience in clinical research. Since that time, Moore has served the IHS both as a medical administrator and diabetes consultant. Along with her interests in type 2 diabetes in childhood and its links with childhood obesity, Moore served as the IHS Chief Clinical Consultant for Pediatrics from 2002-2004. She is a captain in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

With more than 19 years of experience working in Indian health, Moore is a nationally-recognized expert in type 2 diabetes in American Indian/Alaska Native youth and childhood obesity. She serves as a liaison member for AAIP on the Committee on Native American Child Health of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Moore has also assisted in the development of educational and health communication materials, primarily for an American Indian/Alaska Native audience on a national level. She is a member of the American Diabetes Association Youth Project Design Team, the American Diabetes Association Awakening the Spirit Team, the National Institute of Health Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools steering committee, and is the chair of the American Indian/Alaska Native Workgroup of the National Diabetes Education Program. Moore’s work has an international impact with her recent appointment as the Chair of the Indigenous Peoples Workgroup of the International Diabetes Federation Campaign for a United Nations Resolution on Diabetes.

Moore said after the ceremony, “I am honored to receive this award from AAIP and to be among the esteemed physicians who have previously received this award. I pledge to continue my support to the mission of AAIP in the pursuit of excellence in Native American health care. It is also my privilege to continue to work with our members to inspire and motivate American Indian and Alaska Native students to become our next generation of medical professionals and health policy leaders.”

Isaak and Kolby Factor

OKEMAH — Isaak and Kolby Factor celebrated their first birthday on August 22.

Isaak and Kolby are the sons of Daniel and Ellie Factor of Okemah.

Maternal grandparents are Elliot and Susanna Barnett and Della Proctor, all of Okmulgee. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Austin and Mamie Barnett of Eufaula and the late Judy Lasley Proctor of Hanna.

Paternal grandparents are Noah and Lucinda Factor of Okemah. Paternal great-grandparents are Wilson and Ina Hicks of Okemah.

They have one sister Kaitlyn, nine, and Josiah, four.

They are descendants of the Deer clan and attend Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church.



Council

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AUGUST 22, 2006, EMERGENCY SESSION

REPRESENTATIVES EXCUSED ARE: LARRY BIBLE, JEFF FIFE, KEEPER JOHNSON, TOM PICKERING AND CHERRAH QUIETT.

ABSENT WERE: TOM PICKERING; THOMAS MCINTOSH; ROBERT JONES; KEEPER JOHNSON; JEFF FIFE; LARRY BIBLE AND CHERRAH QUIETT;

ORDER OF BUSINESS:
• APPROVED (18-0-0) TR 06-127, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO SUBMIT A SMALL GRANT SUPPORT CONTRACT TO THE OKLAHOMA ARTS COUNCIL FOR THE NATION TO OBTAIN FUNDING FOR THE UPCOMING WARM MVSKOKE WELCOME SPONSOR: EDDIE

AUGUST 26, REGULAR SESSION:

ABSENT WERE: PETE BEAVER; SHIRLENE ADE; LARRY BIBLE WAS EXCUSED.

SPEAKER GEORGE TIGER, CREEK DISTRICT, CONDUCTED THE MEETING AND DID NOT VOTE.

VETO MESSAGE:

• FAILED (12-11-0) NCA 06-168; A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO THE TULSA LIBRARY TRUST AS PLEDGED IN TR 06-052 FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION FIREPLACE LOUNGE AND THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CHILDREN'S STORYTIME AREA OF THE HERMAN AND KATE KAISER LIBRARY RETURNED BY THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF AS A VETO WITH OBJECTIONS

VOTING NO WERE: DUKE HARJO; LENA WIND; ROBERT JONES; KEEPER JOHNSON; JEFF FIFE; BO JOHNSON; JAMES JENNINGS; SYLVANNA CALDWELL; THOMAS YAHOLA; RICHARD BERRYHILL AND JOHNNIE GREENE.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

DUE TO A TIE VOTE, SPEAKER GEORGE TIGER VOTES YES. THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING RESULTS BEING RECORDED: 12 IN FAVOR, 11 AGAINST, 0 ABSTENTIONS

• APPROVED (12-11-0) NCR 06-002; A RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO EXECUTE A GAMING CONSULTANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AND NELSON C. JOHNSON OF EAGLE STAR ADVISORS, L.L.C. SPONSOR: ROGER BARNETT; CO-SPONSOR(S): S. ADE; G. TIGER;

VOTING NO WERE: TRAVIS SCOTT; BILL FIFE; KEEP-

ER JOHNSON; JEFF FIFE; BO JOHNSON; JAMES JENNINGS; THOMAS YAHOLA; CHERRAH QUIETT; PAULA WILLITS; RICHARD BERRYHILL; AND JOHNNIE GREENE;

REPRESENTATIVE SAM ALEXANDER OUT OF SEAT AT TIME OF CASTING OF VOTE;

• KILLED (21-0-0) TR 06-030; TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DEL NUTTER TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION HEALTH SYSTEM SPONSOR: TOM PICKERING;

• APPROVED (13-9-0) TR 06-096; A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REPEALING TR 05-072 (A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN OKMULGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA) AND AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN OKMULGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA FOR THE ADJUSTED AMOUNT ON THE PURCHASE SPONSOR: GEORGE TIGER;

VOTING NO WERE: DUKE HARJO; ROGER BARNETT; THOMAS MCINTOSH; EDDIE LAGRONE; KEEPER JOHNSON; JEFF FIFE; BO JOHNSON; RON CLEGHORN AND SAM ALEXANDER;

• APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (22-0-0) TR 06-097, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A BUSINESS EDITION CUSTOMER AGREEMENT WITH WILDBLUE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO PROVIDE INTERNET SERVICE TO THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SPONSOR: LENA WIND

• APPROVED (21-1-0) TR 06-109; A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA SPONSOR: TOM PICKERING; CO-SPONSOR(S): T. MCINTOSH; A. NOTARO

VOTING NO WERE: KEEPER JOHNSON;

• APPROVED (21-1-0) TR 06-110, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JONODEV OSCEOLA CHAUDHURI FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE AS A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SPONSOR: SAM ALEXANDER

VOTING NO WERE: ROGER BARNETT;

• APPROVED (22-0-0) TR 06-111, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING SITE CLEARANCE AT THE CHECOTAH INDIAN COMMUNITY GAMING CENTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF

EXPANDING THE PARKING LOT SPONSOR: TOM PICKERING; CO-SPONSOR(S): T. MCINTOSH; A. NOTARO

• APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (22-0-0) TR 06-115, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A CONDITIONAL REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN HOLDENVILLE, OKLAHOMA TO BE USED BY THE DIVISION OF HOUSING SPONSOR: EDDIE LAGRONE

• APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (22-0-0) TR 06-116, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A CONDITIONAL REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN WAINWRIGHT, OKLAHOMA TO BE USED BY THE DIVISION OF HOUSING SPONSOR: EDDIE LAGRONE;

• APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY TR 06-117, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A NEW PROGRAMMABLE SIGN FOR THE CREEK NATION CASINO TULSA AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH SELECTED CONTRACTOR FOR SAID SIGN SPONSOR: SAM ALEXANDER;

• APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (22-0-0) TR 06-119, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA SPONSORED RESEARCH AGREEMENT FY 07-ORA3-04 FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA TO DEMARCATHE THE NATION'S TERRITORY BOUNDARIES SPONSOR: PAULA WILLITS;

• APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY TR 06-121, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH VIDEO GAMING TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS SPONSOR: SAM ALEXANDER

• APPROVED (14-8-0) TR 06-122, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AND JOE J. HUTCHISON SPONSOR: ANTHONY NOTARO

VOTING NO WERE: DUKE HARJO; ROGER BARNETT; BILL FIFE; ROBERT JONES; KEEPER JOHNSON; JEFF FIFE; BO JOHNSON; RON CLEGHORN;

• TABLED (22-0-0) TR 06-123, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING CREEK NATION CASINO TULSA AND CREEK NATION CASINO MUSCOGEE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SPONSOR: SAM ALEXANDER;

• APPROVED (18-4-0) TR 06-124, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF

THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A TRIBAL FAMILY ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR THE NATION TO OBTAIN FUNDING TO CREATE A TRIBAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM SPONSOR: CHERRAH QUIETT

VOTING NO WERE: BILL FIFE; JEFF FIFE; RON CLEGHORN AND SAM ALEXANDER;

REPRESENTATIVE SHIRLENE ADE ARRIVED. THEREFORE, TWENTY-FOUR PRESENT WITH TWO ABSENT.

• APPROVED (17-6-0) TR 06-125, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF JUDY AARON TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION HEALTH SYSTEM SPONSOR: CHERRAH QUIETT

VOTING NO WERE: TOM PICKERING; BO JOHNSON; SYLVANNA CALDWELL; PAULA WILLITS; RICHARD BERRYHILL AND JOHNNIE GREENE;

• APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (23-0-0) TR 06-126, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN OKFUSKEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA SPONSOR: TRAVIS SCOTT;

• APPROVED (21-2-0) NCA 06-174, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION RETURNING UNUSED FUNDS TO THE TRIBAL TREASURY AND REPEALING NCA 06-074 (A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS SERVICES OFFICE TO DISBURSE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MUSCOGEE VETERANS, SURVIVING SPOUSES AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND THEIR SPOUSES) SPONSOR: ROBERT JONES;

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GEORGE ADAMS

CALIFORNIA — George Washington Adams, great grandson of Thomas J. Adams, former Speaker of the House of Kings and the House of Warriors, the grandson of George Washington Adams.

He was the son of Willie Adams, an original allottee. George lived in California for 64 years.

Survivors include: his brothers and sisters, Willie Jr., Christine, Leonard, Verna Jean, James and Mary L. Adams; nieces and nephews; and an extended family of relatives.

CHARLES BERRYHILL

LOMPOC, Calif. — Funeral services for Charles “Bud” Berryhill were held August 10.

He was born March 4, 1921 in Coweta, Oklahoma to Maggie and Creek Nation Allottee Albert Berryhill.

Charles married Barbara Nichols in 1943 in Worcester, Massachusetts and they moved to California in 1946.



Berryhill

Charles, a veteran of 30 years federal service, worked in one capacity or another for the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force. During World War II, he served as a staff sergeant for the U.S. Army in both England and the African – Middle Eastern Theater. He also served during the Korean Conflict. While a first sergeant at Camp Cooke, now Vandenberg AFB, he initiated a “soldier of the month” program for the men under him. Since its initiation, this program has mushroomed into an inter-service, world wide program. In 1952 he began work at the Point Mugu Missile Test Center in California and eventually became Head of the Special Projects Branch. While with the Pacific Missile Range at Point Mugu, he had a large part in the development of the first missile tracking site located on Vandenberg AFB for tracking missiles fired from US Navy cruisers in the Pacific. He transferred to Lompoc in 1965 where he pursued his career as an aerospace manager with the Western Test Range at Vandenberg. He served as the project manager on the first launches from Vandenberg of both the Thor and Atlas missiles.

Later, after retirement, Charles was instrumental in the development of the Lompoc Senior Citizens Center. He served on the Santa Barbara Community Action Commission and he was also a volunteer for the Santa Barbara County Food Bank.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Albert Berryhill and Maggie Pennington; three sisters, Ruth, Francis, and Elizabeth, and his three brothers Jim, Albert, and Perry.

He is survived by: his wife Barbara Berryhill of Lompoc; three children, Bruce Berryhill of Richmond, Virginia, Nancy Lindsey of Kamuela, Hawaii, Susan Ur of Lompoc; eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

BUSTER BURGESS

PRINEVILLE, Ore. — Funeral services for Buster Bean Burgess were held August 1 at Prineville Funeral Home with Rev. Willard Fenderson officiating.

He was born in Okmulgee on September 19, 1918 to Riley and Mary Scott Burgess.

Buster served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He married Wisey Fields on May 10, 1946 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. They moved to Oregon in 1946 and settled in Salem, then moved to Prineville in 1947. He worked at lumber mills most of his life.

Burgess loved swimming, fishing, hunting, being in the outdoors, baseball, and woodworking. He also was an amateur boxer and loved to watch the Trailblazers play. Buster was a member of the American Legion.

Preceding him in death were: his parents; wife; one brother; one sister; cousin and granddaughter.

Survivors include: son, Timothy Burgess of Portland, Oregon; daughters, Verbena Coulter of Beaver Creek, Oregon, Rebecca Cruz of Canby, Oregon, Natalie Burgess of Prineville, Oregon, Lajeannia Morales and Melinda Puerta, both of Salem, Oregon; 11 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Red Cross Prostate Cancer Awareness fund.

ANDREW CAYWOOD

MANNFORD — Funeral services for Andrew Jonathan “Jon” Caywood were held September 27 at Lakeside Baptist Church with Pastor Jason Langley and Andrew and Andrea Caywood officiating.

He was born September 24, 1990 in Claremore to Melissa and Andrew Caywood.

Andrew loved to play soccer, baseball, basketball, paintball, watch movies and video games.



Caywood

Preceding him in death were: his maternal grandparents, Melissa “Wecoche” and Buddy Misco Lindsey and Louise Whitlow and Wattie Wildcat; paternal grandparents, Ruth and John Dry and Opal and Andrew Caywood.

Survivors include: his parents; siblings, Andrea and Nicolas; maternal grandparents, Neomi Lindsey of Depew and Mose Danny Lindsey of Dewar; paternal grandparents, Susan and Sam Caywood of Mannford; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers were: Dustin Backer; Hunter Pritchard; Chris Jordan; Dylan Hanks; Lewis and Jack Lindsey.

Interment was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Mannford.

NELLIE JONES

BRISTOW — Funeral services for Nellie Mae Barnett Jones were held September 13 at her residence with Eunice Hill speaking.

She was born May 13, 1920 in Okmulgee to Jackson and Ellie Johnson Barnett.

Nellie lived in the Creek County area most of her life and attended school at Olive.

She worked as a nurse’s aide for over 10 years at the Drumright Nursing Home and as a housekeeper in Tulsa for several years.

Jones was the eldest and a lifetime member of the Nuyaka Ceremonial Ground. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, bead work and ceremonial dance.

Preceding her in death was: her husband, Charley Jones; two sons, Chapman Cloud and Daniel Cloud, Jr.; two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include: two sons, Stephen of Herndon, Virginia and Benny Cloud of Bristow; step-son, Charles Jones of Claremore; daughter, Marilyn Dunson of Okmulgee; 19 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great grandchildren; and a host of other friends and family.

Interment was at the Johnson-McNac family cemetery.

WESLEY RICHARDS

HANNA — Funeral services for Wesley Lee “Little Beaver” Richards were held September 6 at Hillabee Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Richmond Carr officiating.

He was born on May 17, 1934 to Eastman and Marie Rowe Richards, Jr.

Wesley married Shirley Ruth Smith. He had retired from the City of Checotah, where he had read water meters for 15 years.

Richards was a founding member of the Creek Nation Indian Community and was a member of the “Liar’s Club” in the local cafe’s.

He was preceded in death by: his parents and two sisters, Shirley Fitzgerald and Peggy Woodard.

Survivors include: wife, Shirley of the home; son, Michael of Muskogee; daughter, Rhonda Huie of Heavener; brothers, Leon and Billy Richards, Ronnie and Bobby West, and Pete and Bo Woodard; sisters, Mary Jo Stanley, Janelle Johnson, and Janice West; four grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Casketbearers were: Tim and Bobby Frame; Tim Newton; Brad Fox; Phillip McIntosh and Bill McKee.

Interment was at Greenlawn Cemetery.

MATTIE THOMAS

HANNA — Funeral services for Mattie Jean Thomas were held September 11 at Weogufkee Indian Baptist Church with Pastor Richard Carr officiating.

She was born January 5, 1933 in Hanna to Gilbert and Senora Simmons Lasley.

Mattie was a member of Wekiwa Baptist Church in Sand Springs, Weogufkee Tribal Ground and of the Deer Clan.

Thomas was a homemaker and did elderly care. She met Eugene in 1947 and they were married April 13, 1954. She attended and graduated from Hanna High School in Hanna.

Preceding her in death was: her parents; son; grandsons; two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include: her husband, Eugene Thomas of the home; four children, Elizabeth Thomas and Eugene Thomas, Jr. both of Okmulgee, Cindy Thomas-Roberson of Pasadena, Texas and Gilbert Thomas of Oklee, Minnesota; brother, Monroe Lasley of Kansas City, Missouri; step-brother, Thompson Gouge; two step-sister, Missy Mitchell and Wynetta Gouge; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: Robert Solomon, Billy James (B.J.) and Billy Hill, Jeremiah (Jerry), Jimmie and Milton Lasley.

Interment was at Weogufkee Cemetery.

JOANNA VOICE

EUFULA — Funeral services for Joanna Belle Frank Voice were held September 18 at West Eufaula Indian Baptist Church with Reverend Houston Tiger officiating.

She was born July 21, 1920 in Eufaula to Louis and Ethel Scott Frank.

Joanna graduated from Eufaula High School in 1938. She attended Bacone College.

On August 18, 1947, she married William Eddie Voice in San Francisco, California.

Voice was a homemaker and of the Bear clan. She enjoyed singing and listening to Mvskoke Hymns, watch birds, and reading.

Preceding her in death was: her parents; four brothers, Navy Frank, Luke, Red Eagle and Yahola McIntosh; son, Ernest Eddie Voice; grandson, Micah; two great-grandsons and one great-great grandson.

Survivors include: Sherry Voice Williams, Kay Voice Roubidoux and Danielle Voice, all of Tulsa, Sally Voice of Stringtown, Toni Voice Hitcher and Shannon Voice, both of Dallas, Texas, Nancy Voice Spain of Konawa, Esther Voice Carr of Laguna, New Mexico; brother, Cornelius McIntosh of Oklahoma City; step-sister, Ethel McIntosh Pittman of Louisiana; 28 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.



Voice

nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers were: William Spain; Troy Gonzales; Kerry Voice; Jason Jim; Zachary Williams and John Franklin Hearell.

Honorary pallbearer was Gary Jim. Interment was at the McIntosh/Grayson Cemetery in Eufaula.

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On behalf of Addie George, the family would like to thank all those who made monetary contributions, food donations, prayers and support to the family in their time of need and mourning. Aho.

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The Hot Corner
by
Jason Salsman

Well, we’ve reached the month of October and that means a few things. State fairs, Halloween candy and the greatest rivalry in all of sports, The Red River War. Each year on the first weekend in October Sooner and Longhorn fans alike make the pilgrimage to Dallas’ Cotton Bowl to watch the two teams pound on one another for three hours. It really is an amazing spectacle and for those that have been, it is an unforgettable experience win or lose. The stadium is nestled in the middle of the State Fair of Texas and is divided in half at the 50 yard line with the Oklahoma fans to the south and Texas to the north. I could go on and on about how great the experience is, but I’ll do you one better. I made my annual trip down for the game and decided to keep a diary of the journey for my faithful Hot Corner readers.

Friday Afternoon, Oct. 6
So after a couple delays we finally leave Oklahoma City and head south on I-35. The trip down is one of the most underrated facets of the whole weekend. Nobody really pays attention to the journey, it’s just the end result they are so focused on, but this is no ordinary stroll to Big D. The best way to describe the scene is a traveling OU pep rally. This is no exaggeration, almost every single car has OU window flags. Fans honk at one another, flash the upside down Hook ‘em Horns sign and basically have a great time. We are no different but probably the funniest part for us was heckling the poor Texas fan that happened to be in our path.

Game day, Oct. 7, Noon
Twelve o’ clock Saturday finds us entering the gates to the State Fair of Texas, and what a scene it is. The best thing about it is that everything about the fair reminds you that you are there for the biggest game of the year and you have FINALLY arrived! Big Tex greets you with a “Howdy Folks,” the smell of corn dogs and funnel cakes takes you off your feet like a cartoon character and taking one look at the concession stand menus let’s you know that EVERYTHING can be deep fried. But, I’ve finally had my fill of the fair, literally. It’s time to go to the game, and I have weaved my way through a sea of football fans to the entrance of the cozy, old-school home to this storied rivalry; the Cotton Bowl. There has been talk of moving the game away from this venue, and I think that would be a sin. Like Wrigley Field or Fenway Park, this place has history and you don’t mess with that. We are in our seats and there is a butterfly convention in my stomach. The OU band is playing “Oklahoma” and your heart swells with pride when the band comes toward the south end zone blaring “Boomer Sooner.” A slow rumble turns to a deafening roar as the Longhorns take the field. Right behind them are the Sooners, the gloves are off and we’re ready for a fight. It’s kickoff time!

Halftime, OU 10 UT 7
The first half goes pretty well even though the OU defense seems to have more holes than a piece of swiss cheese. Offensively, it seems the Sooners will be able to have success, but have been fumbling. Still, we are up and the Sooner Nation is feeling cautiously optimistic. We’ll just have to see if we can build on the momentum going into the second half.

Game Over UT 28 OU 10
Ok, turns out I was right with my assessment of the defense. Let’s be honest folks, it’s Monday and Texas receivers are still open. I don’t want to come down completely on the defense, because no offense can give the ball away five times and expect to beat a team like Texas. Sitting there in the closing minutes of the game I had a rather unpleasant revelation. As I took everything in, I began to realize that those fans with so much joy in the north end zone used to be us. Bob Stoops and Co. used to own the Cotton Bowl. Now they had just been whipped for the second straight year. When did it all go wrong?

Creek Girl works for NBA’s Orlando Magic

Nicole Been leads Professional Sports Franchise team in helping community

By Jason Salsman
MNN Sports Reporter

ORLANDO — From the time that Nicole Been was growing up in Okemah, Oklahoma she knew that sports would play a big part of her life. After finishing High School at Schulter, the young Muscogee (Creek) lady would earn a basketball scholarship to Bacone College in Muskogee. Been continued at Oklahoma State University and became a trainer in the athletic department. Her hard work and dedication paid off as Been was elevated to manage events and facilities on the OSU campus. “That was really cool,” states Been when looking back to her time in Stillwater, “I got a chance to help set up the College Gameday Football show on ESPN and we helped launch the ESPNU network.”

From there Been would move to Waco, Texas and become a graduate assistant at Baylor University for the Women’s Basketball Program. After completing at Baylor, Been applied for an internship for the Orlando Magic of the National Basketball Association (NBA).

“I didn’t get the internship I applied for,” says Been, “but that

was alright because the community relations manager wanted me to apply for her position and I did. That’s the position I’m at now and I’m loving it.”

As Community Relations Manager, Been is in charge of donation programs such as ticket programs that donate to non-profit organizations. Been also helps coordinate the NBA Cares Program which involves ‘Read to Achieve’ among area youth. Developing after school programs is also a part of the agenda.

The Magic also recognize ‘Hispanic Awareness Month’ and are



planning to reach out to the Native American population. “I am really pushing for the Magic organization to celebrate the American Indian heritage,” siad Been. “We go all out for the other minorities and I want to see that for our culture as well.”

Creek Boy hoping to make it to the Major Leagues

by Jason Salsman
MNN Sports Reporter

BURBANK — Cale Hamilton, a Junior at John Burroughs High School in Burbank, California will begin playing on the San Diego Padres scout team this September. Hamilton has been the starting Shortstop since his Sophomore year on the JBHS Indians Varsity team, and recently returned from playing in a Junior Olympics tournament in Jupiter, Florida.

Last month, Hamilton was invited to participate in a baseball showcase at Moorpark College.

The event draws baseball scouts not only from the Major Leagues, but from Universities and Colleges across the country. The scouts are able to get a look at a new crop of prospects signing many to scholarships and extending invitations to other baseball camps

and games.

Hamilton is listed at 5’9 and 145 pounds, his teammates could easily call him ‘slim’ if they wanted to. But with such a wiry frame, Hamilton is just hoping that he

grows into his size 13 cleats. Like all serious athletes his age, Hamilton is also hoping that his credentials make him a more attractive prospect for a Division I Baseball Scholarship Program. Hamilton is also dedicated to the classroom where he consistently maintains a 3.0 grade

average. That dedication also stems from his Father’s decision not to let Hamilton play unless he maintains the grade average.

But Hamilton’s Dad knows how much his son really loves the game of baseball, and therefore, motivating



Pro Baseball prospect Cale Hamilton.

hasn’t really been a problem. “Since he was able to crawl he was picking up baseballs, says his Father proudly. “Swinging bats and we (Mom) that’s what he was probably going to end up doing.”

His Father says that Hamilton’s consistent playing keeps his son on the road a lot. “He’s playing right now nine weeks straight,” explains his Father. “He just got back from a tournament in Las Vegas where he played against scout teams from the Colorado Rockies and St. Louis Cardinals.”

According to reports, Hamilton’s team in High School plays in one of the toughest divisions in the country, the Foothill Division of the CIF.

The tough task of playing in an elite league has really helped Hamilton in drawing attention to his talent on

4 Love of the Game to hit newsstands mid-October

by Lucas Taylor
4 Love of the Game Chairman

HENRYETTA — If you are out there right now reading this article you are probably frustrated, confused, wondering when the first issue of 4 Love of the Game sports magazine will be released. With any project that’s new, there is always some unforeseen factors that influence its completion. Finally, everything has been worked out and the first issue is scheduled for release on Oct 16,

As stated last month by Jason Salsman, the magazine will pay homage to some of the local athletes that have achieved notoriety in this region. The cover of the October issue will feature Tahlequah Sequoyah phenom Angel Goodrich, the top girl’s basketball player in the state according to CoachesAid.com. In addition, there will also be a feature story on Vian’s Vfastv Locust, a Creek Indian who holds the state record for touchdowns in a single season. The magazine will not forget the past, highlighting each month accomplishments from the many Indian athletes that have become legends to those that recognize their efforts.

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the diamond. Which in turn has helped the young Muscogee (Creek) athlete very appealing to Major League clubs such as the Padres. Hamilton’s Father explains how the Padres interest in his son came about. “Were playing a double header with a team that had a few high profile pitchers,” explains his Father. “These pitchers threw in the low 90’s and the scouts were there to see them. They ended up being impressed with Cale’s defense and invited him to join the San Diego scout team.

Hamilton’s family takes great pride in his Muscogee roots. He is the great-grandson of Loney (Bunny) Bruner, grandson of Betty (Bruner) Bruton, and son of Leon (Lonnie) Hamilton.

“We’re so proud of him,” says his Father.



Cale Hamilton (number 5) bats for his High School Baseball Team

Former Sooner QB hopes to bring camp to Creek country

by Jason Salsman
MNN Sports Reporter

OKEMAH — Josh Heupel came from a small junior college in Utah to lead the 2000 Oklahoma Sooners to a national championship and finish as runner-up for the Heisman trophy. For that, he will always be remembered and revered by the Sooner faithful. Those accomplishments were out in the open, in the public eye. His behind-the-scenes work, however, is probably his most important.

During the football season Josh is a busy man. He has transferred his successful playing career into a coaching profession. After a stop at the University of Arizona as a tight ends coach he is back in Oklahoma coaching who else, the quarterbacks. In the off-season he does not get any breaks as he keeps a full schedule. Along with his father, Ken, he started the 14

Foundation, a non-profit organization that gives back to the community. The foundation is involved in sev-



eral charities and every year holds a holiday food drive at the final Sooner home game. They also run the “Day of Champions” Football Camp. The three day camp is offered to kids age 8-14,

and focuses on teaching the principles of successful leadership by setting the discipline, then establishing respect, trust and hard work.

The camp does not lack for a full stable of stars and some of Heupel’s former Sooner teammates join in for motivational speaking. Among those who regularly speak at Heupel’s camps are NFL linebacker and MVP of the Orange Bowl championship game, Torrance Marshall, as well as Heisman Trophy winner Jason White.

Last week in Okemah, 4 Love of the Game organization met with Ken Heupel to find out more on the camp and how to bring it to the Native American youth. “That’s one thing Coach (Ken) Heupel said to us,” said Lucas Taylor. “He said Josh really wants to reach out to the Native Ameri-

can kids. We’re excited about that and want to make this happen.”

One of the highlights of the camp is Fantasy Day, where parents team up with campers for competitions with other teams. It’s a fun chance for parents to get involved. “Fantasy Day is a chance for parents and kids to build on their relationships,” said Heupel.

Scheduling and timing have to be right, but members of both parties are confident and dedicated to bringing this camp to Creek country. “We really are pushing for this to be around July 4 weekend,” said Taylor. “This would be such an amazing experience for our youth, not just for the invaluable experience they will take away from it, but just to see all those top notch athletes there investing time in their development.”

The organization hopes to bring the camp in early July. Updates on the progress of this project will be in the Muscogee Nation News in the coming months.

OLD SCHOOL vs. NEW SCHOOL

Should they do away with instant replay in college football?



Well, the title of this column says it and I embrace it, I am indeed old school and I say that we don’t need instant replay in college football and there are a few reasons why. First, it doesn’t work because calls are still blown every Saturday. Secondly, I believe that officials

for the most part have done well over the years using their instincts to make the calls. Now, they don’t make calls knowing that any question can be answered while waiting for a word from the booth, and that slows the game down. Just keep it old school.



Even though I think it doesn’t work at all right now, I think that instant replay should definitely be kept in the college game. The idea is that nothing now will be left to human error in the game. I wouldn’t chastise an official for missing

a call on the field because I understand that its hard to see everything , so with replay it SHOULD take those mistakes out of the picture. The question is, do we have honorable officials keeping an eye on the monitors?



Brother and Sister Musicians creating Native Hip Hop Documentary

TULSA-Brian Freejo and his sister, Happy, have been in the hip hop business for quite some time, recently the family pair, along with other performers with names like Circa 360, Jabee (Little Earth), and MC Hostile performed in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the club 1974 on July 3.

The talented group came together and have created 'Culture Shock Camp.' The camp is currently on the 'Longevity Tour' and spreading their message of hope and good native vibes across the United States. The Freejos say the group was destined to unite and grow together as a family, as well. Culture Shock also says it is their goal to embrace native culture and hip hop culture. Not only on stage but in their daily walk and through the music. "We're not just trying to throw parties or just shows," explains Brian. "We want to do something that says a lot about who we are through our music, not just the hip hop music, but about our culture."

Culture Shock also mixes in some other musical forms as well. "I would say its an urban, hip hop, jazzy style," says Happy, who also mentions the music can be a little "folksy" with her performance on the guitar as well. Happy does more of the traditional singing, while Brian creates the hip hop sound, and is also known as 'DJ Shock B.' Younger brother Keith also joins the group to bring a unique classic sound.

The Freejos are also involved in filmmaking in helping spread a positive message. Happy just completed a documentary called 'My Darkest Hour'. The film deals with suicide and some struggles the female musician faced while deciding to make life choices.

Culture Shock is producing a documentary about the Native Hip Hop culture. The film titled 'Native Souls' and hope to have the project completed by the fall. "It's about our music, a little bit about what we're doing,, our movement and our message," says Brian. "Our mes-



Brian Freejo , (foreground) and sister Happy perform at club 1974 in Tulsa. The Freejos are documenting the native hip hop scene and its impact on American Indian society. The Freejos hope to have the documentary completed by the fall.

sage to our Indian youth and to our peers is something positive, that maybe they think about when they leave here."

Culture Shock hopes to reach Native American youth especially, and are available to perform at schools and events. For more information, log onto the web site at www.myspace.com/cultureshockcamp.

Nightwolf launches Native Television

By DIONNE WALKER / Associated Press

RICHMOND, Virginia (AP) - Flipping through TV channels, Jay Winter Nightwolf noticed something: While blacks, Latinos and other minority groups had niche cable networks, American Indians had no national TV outlet for their issues _ everything from tribal sovereignty to language preservation. The Washington-area radio personality has joined a group of Virginia broadcast journalists and other media professionals to launch Native American Television, joining a handful of groups trying to establish the United States' first American Indian cable channel.

NATV, which the group hopes to launch by year's end, will feature programming at the nation's indigenous tribes: News specials and cooking shows, films and historic documentaries, video of drumming, powwows and even stand up comedy. A program tentatively titled "Meet Native America" would mirror NBC's "Meet the Press," bringing together a panel of Indian journalists to interview Washington D.C. lawmakers. "Talk to Native America" would explore issues like economic development in Indian country, Nightwolf said.

"It's gonna run the full gamut," said Nightwolf, a Cherokee Indian and weekly host of "The Nightwolf Show." "We can see the culture, the history, the issues, the everyday life _ the smiles and the frowns _ of Native Americans."

While a handful of tribes have set up regional channels in the past, a cable network would be a first, according to a spokeswoman at Native American Public Telecommunications. At least two others have not gotten past the planning stages. Indian Country Today on TV would be a televised version of the popular Indian newspaper by a similar name. The New Mexico-based Native American Television Network includes reality TV and talk shows on its proposed lineup. American Indians in Film and Television estimates that of 41,000 acting roles cast in 2004, roughly 100 were filled by Indians.

NATV was founded in 1990 by the late Charles Kaster, a Washington-area freelance videographer, said Randy Flood, executive director of NATV. Using his basement as a studio, Kaster trained Indian youth for careers at broadcast stations and someday, at his all-Indian channel, Flood said. Kaster died of cancer in 2002, before he could expand his training program and begin broadcasting. Flood estimates it will take \$3.7 million to launch the channel, money he will raise through tribal sponsorship and federal grants. "BET has its own network and Univision appeals to Latinos (but) there's nothing for Native Americans," said Flood, who, like Kaster, is not an Indian. "We want to be able to create a vehicle for tribal communities."

But breaking into the cable market is easier said than done, said John Mansell, a Fairfax analyst with Kagan media research firm. Creators of Black Entertainment Television and the Latin-infused Univision _ cornerstones of the ethnic channel market _ both entered during the '70s and '80s, while the industry was young, Mansell said. Now the market is saturated, and cable companies are wary of adding a channel unless it is a sure hit, he said. "How many new subscribers is a cable operator going to get by putting out a small niche Indian channel?" Mansell said. "These are questions that the cable operators consider." Flood hopes to give his company a leg up with a built-in staff of reporters. Each year, about 30 students aged 18 to 24 will spend eight weeks training in studio production, web development and journalism as part of NATV's Washington Semester program. "The goal is to set up a cable TV network that addresses all Native American issues _ but also to train our own reporters and our own editors," said William Butler, president of the Columbia School of Broadcasting, which will provide the program's curriculum. "It's a long way down the road."

Nightwolf Joins NATV Team

Jay Winter Nightwolf, Host and Executive Producer of the popular "Nightwolf Show" has joined the NATV management team as News Director and Chief of Television and Radio Program Production. Featured every Sunday evening between 8:00 and 9:00 PM EST on WPFW (www.wpfw.org) 89.3 FM in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan and Mid-Atlantic areas, the Nightwolf Show discusses Native American Indian heritage, culture, issues and entertainment throughout Indian Country and to radio and Internet listeners throughout the world. Receiving an overwhelming amount of emails from all over Indian Country, America, Europe and Australia, Nightwolf literally interviews guests from all over the world. His guests have included the late Vine Deloria; George Nuku, a tribal leader of the Maori people of New Zealand; Robert Mirabal, noted Native American recording artist; Dr. Jack D. Forbes professor emeritus (retired) of the University of California at Davis; Doug George-Kanentiio, noted international Mohawk journalist; David Lozell Martin and Roger Di Silvestro, accomplished American editors and authors; Dr. Leo Noland with the U. S. Indian Health Service; Washington Attorney Greg Smith; students from the American University's WINS program; college and university presidents and professors; and Native American Indian tribal leaders, among others.

Washington Semester Multimedia Curriculum Is Cornerstone Of Training

Originally founded as a news gathering organization to report news about Native America and to train Native American Indian students in television programming, NATV's Washington Semester technology training program is the educational cornerstone of building a nationwide network of reporters throughout rural and urban tribal communities. Offering technology training instruction courses in Digital Studio Production

and Web Development to compliment educational courses in Journalism and Governmental Awareness, NATV is beginning to lay the foundation for such an effort. The technology training portions of the program are being developed by Professor Larry L. Adams II, NATV's Director for Web Operations and Technology Training. "The Internet has changed everything. It simply makes good sense for students today to have basic

technology skills in web design, web maintenance and information security if they are interested in pursuing a career in journalism or any other business," says Professor Adams. "We have the in-house capability and expertise to provide the technology skills that will enable Native American students to become more competitive in a global job market—and our certification program is second to none" he says.

13-Part Television Series Showcases Unique American Indian Cultures

FARGO, North Dakota — Production schedules have been set for Indian Pride, a 13-part television series to be aired on PBS stations in February 2007. Indian Pride will spotlight the diverse cultures of American Indian people throughout the country. Prairie Public Television of Fargo, North Dakota will produce the weekly magazine in cooperation with Circle of Nations Publishing of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

"This unprecedented series is the first venture of its kind to be produced for a mass United States audience, stated Bob Dambach of Prairie Public Television. "Previous attempts to tell the story of American Indian culture have been limited to one or two-part episodes that have only been able to provide a small glimpse of the rich history and culture of our Native peoples. We are very pleased to partner with JuniKae Randall of Circle of Nations Publishing to bring this historic event to the American public. As host for the magazine, JuniKae will bring an in-depth and personal perspective to the stories we tell."

The 13-week magazine will focus on a specific theme each week that will be of interest to all people. Future programs will highlight Indian Treaties and Sovereignty, Spirituality, Health and Healing, Culture and Celebrations, as well as the coverage of critical issues of government, economic development, politics and education.

Each 30-minute episode will include three distinct segments: mini-documentaries shot on location at events held on reservations and around other parts of Indian country; in-studio segments featuring discussion of current issues by nationally-known American Indian guests; and original and cultural performances featuring traditional and

contemporary artists, as well as storytellers.

Indian Pride is the vision of JuniKae Randall, founding director of Circle of Nations Publishing. Randall is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and grew up on the reservation shortly after high school to follow her dreams. That journey led

via a website so teachers could share the knowledge with their students. Indian Pride was the natural title for this idea."

The development and production of Indian Pride is a major undertaking on behalf of several prominent members of the American Indian community throughout the country.

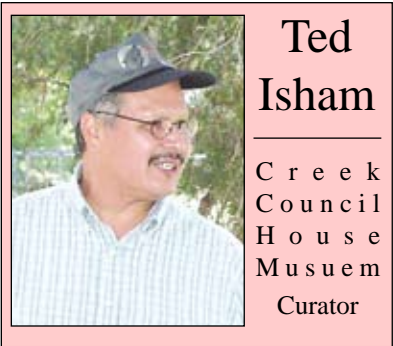
Harold "Gus" Frank is the Chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi of Wisconsin. Frank has been selected to serve as Board Chairman of the Indian Pride Advisory Board. "The Indian Pride TV Series is a great opportunity for Indians, Native Americans, and Indigenous people to tell in their words why and how we got to be where we are today. With JuniKae's vision, Prairie Public Television can use the media to share our history with the world," stated Frank.

The Honorary Chairman of the Advisory Board, Chief Earl Old Person, Chief of the Blackfeet Nation, welcomes this broadcast opportunity because "... It is education and communication that builds bridges, open hearts and creates greater harmony among people. As American Indians, we are known for our strong value of sharing. It is a good time to share our beautiful culture from every corner of Indian Country with the world."

Production schedules and locations along with more information on topics and guests will be announced within the next few months. The program will reach out to a number of reservations and tribes throughout the country as the segments are shot and produced for broadcast this winter. Indian Pride will be distributed to PBS television stations nationwide through NETA. The world premiere of the 13-week series is scheduled for February 3, 2007. Contact your local PBS station for broadcast dates and times.



Este Mvskokvlke Today



Ted Isham

Creek Council House Museum Curator

submitted by Ted Isham, Creek Council House Museum Curator

In previous articles we've talked about preserving artifacts and language. Much of our culture is less tangible than physical articles, and is based on nature. For example, we *Este Mvskokvlke*, have observed the special timing of the rising and the setting sun. Our religious ceremonies that we have today (Christian also, but mostly the traditional) mark important events according to where the sun rises in its yearly journey from the southern easterly point on the horizon to the most northern point of the eastern horizon. It is this underlying concept of a deep-rooted tradition of seasonal cycles that is the basis of our culture as Creek people. We begin by asking these questions; what is the basis of our culture, how is this cultural knowledge being eroded by the modern western culture and how does this relate to the tenets of museum work?

As stated above, the placement of the sun along the horizon is very important to the timing of our ceremonial cycle. The objects

of the sky are important and their behavior is closely watched. The cycles of the sun are known to control the seasons, which in turn gives us plants that help sustain us with food and also our traditional medicines. As we go from the time when we begin to gather together during the vernal equinox time, to the high time of Green Corn (*Vcelane emposketv*) during the mid summer of the solstice, and to the east/west match games during the autumnal equinox, we become in-synch with the natural world.

Being in accord with this solar cycle is our greatest achievement and allows us to live in harmony with nature. In early times, we were able to model our religion and government on these observations, which gave us great stability and power as a nation or collective group we called a confederacy. A confederacy is the purest form of democracy, a lesson not lost to the colonists of early America. As some aspects of this style of government are modeled from the two great confederacies in the east, we see that the "Great experiment" of

American democracy is still going on in the US government. For us Creeks, the ability to live in harmony is the greatest attribute for which to strive. We have been in co-existence with many different groups of people for many years, as seen from the basic ideas of the confederacy. The incorporation of different groups surrounding us while, at the same time, encouraging individual cultural identities is a hallmark of the Creek Confederacy and is still seen today to a lesser extent. When the Spanish, the French, the Scottish, and the English colonists came

to us, we were inviting and accepting but that quickly changed when instead of co-existence and harmony, for the most part all we got

was strife and conflict. We were/and are still able to fend off this change in balance, but our resolve is steadily being eroded away. It is important for us to be able to maintain the teachings and findings of our ancestors. The teachings and findings that helped maintain balance and harmony in all aspects of their lives can do/is doing the same for us today if we look for and prac-

tice it. This level of stability only comes from observing and following the clues and lessons from nature. When we begin to lose track of our cultural knowledge, we as a people begin to be less vibrant and stable as the forces from all around us creep in

and get us off the balance of the natural world. Two facets of Creek world view were explored here, the seasonal cycles of the sun and the incorporation of groups brings us to see how we can maintain our balance as a people.

This is all to bring us to this point, that like museums and schools, the perpetuation of our cultural knowledge is but one way to insure that our stories, songs, ideals, and language are preserved and saved for the future generations of Creek people. As we begin to forget more and more the ways and teachings of our ancestors, we become less and less balanced as a people. We then begin to see the effects of this in our physical health, our mental health, and in the increased strife we're experiencing. We need to be on the offensive, we need to be proactive and we need to be thinking about our future.

Some of the underlying sug-

gestions being made in this article may be uncomfortable to some of our more traditional culture

bearers and leaders, but if we take the knowledge of our ancestors to the grave without passing that information along, we surely will

encourage irreparable damage to come to our progeny. It is imperative that we find ways to get ourselves back in harmony and balance if we are to survive in a modern world that has little use and respect for nature. In the past several prophets and wisdom bearers have come and given us the very same or similar message—the message of keeping close to the ways of our elders. The Shawnee and Creek-Cherokee, Tecumseh and his brother 'the prophet' in 1811 at *Tvkvpytce* and in the early 1900's with Chitto Harjo and his band of 'Snakes' at *OceOpofv* gave us the message of preserving and keeping to the old ways. We can make use of that message today as another hundred years has passed. We then ask this question, 'What will take us through the 21st century to be able to embrace the 22nd century and beyond?'

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Council House Upcoming Events

submitted by David Anderson, Creek Council House

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The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Office of Cultural and Historical Preservation and the Creek Council House Museum are pleased to announce the following two series of Arts Classes for this fall. The first series of classes will be for children who want to learn how to make baskets, pottery, and bead work. The second series of classes is for adults wanting to learn basketry and pottery. These series of classes are also made possible with the assistance from the Oklahoma Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. It is our intent not only to bring classes to the public in a class room setting but, also to have the classes online.

To this end, the adult classes will be videotaped and then playback will take place over the internet via a series of

'streaming' videos.

We will be documenting the processes of creating the art forms of basketry and pottery. The result of which will be a capturing of the methods and processes of the uniquely Creek style of basket rim, called the double false braid rim. The double false braid rim has been lost to us modern Creeks, it is estimated for around 100 years now.

Once very common, this style of rim made the trek from our homelands in the East to here in Indian Territory. It is thought that after statehood and the allotments, the

rim style disappeared from use, along with the main source of materials, river cane. The need



Students work on various projects during classes at the Council House Museum.

to teach this style and to document the process for future use is the mission of the Creek Nation's Office of Cultural Preservation and the Creek Council House

Museum. If we all take it upon ourselves to do what we can to help preserve our traditions for our descendents, this type of basketry may never again be lost. Mary Smith, the basketry instructor said, "I feel fortunate to be able to work with my fellow tribal members to preserve this uniquely Creek basket making style."

Again, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Office of Cultural Preservation and the Creek Council House Museum are pleased to host this round of fall arts classes beginning with a three class series of children's classes and continuing with a series of adult

classes. Each class will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Creek Council House. The adult classes will have a potluck lunch, with each person bringing their favorite dish, and the kids classes will have lunch and snacks provided. The schedule of classes will be:

Adult Classes: Pottery - Oct 21, Pottery - Oct. 28, Youth Classes: Basketry - Nov. 4, Pottery - Nov 11, Bead work - Nov. 18, Adult Classes: Basketry - Dec. 9, Basketry: Dec. 16.

The classes are free of charge but, space is limited. Students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and to sign up, call the museum at (918) 756-2324.

If you would like to advertise your upcoming art show e-mail your information to: jcook@muscogeenation-nsn.gov.

Featured Artist

by Greg James

Clary James, Nere A-yo (Nighthawk), was recently selected as the Bacone College Outstanding Student in Art for 2005-06. She was nominated to submit works to the Red Cloud Heritage and Museum Center's juried art competition this summer. Her first sale, a watercolor entitled *Dreams of Him*, occurred at this show sponsored by the Center and the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) Nation.



James

Now a sophomore at Bacone, Clary was named to the President's Honor Roll twice after earning a 4.0 GPA for the fall and spring semesters of her freshman year. She was selected for membership in *Phi Theta Kappa*, an International Honor Society. Her 4.0 for both semesters also qualifies Clary for recognition as a collegiate "Schol-

ar-Athlete" by the National Fast pitch Coaches Association, to be announced in October 2006. She is working towards an Associate degree in Art and an Associate degree in Native American Studies.

While taking an Art History course under Professor Kevin Smith, Assistant Dean of Arts at Bacone and past education curator at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Clary discovered that Professor Smith has been designing a Museum Studies degree now that Bacone College is fully accredited as a four year institution. If approved by the faculty and Board of Trustees, the addition of the Museum Studies degree program would make Bacone one of only a handful of colleges offering the degree at the undergraduate level. Clary hopes to be one of the first to

earn a Bachelor in Arts, Museum Studies from Bacone College.

Studying under Professor Ruthe Blalock Jones, Chu-Lundit, a noted Shawnee/Delaware/Peoria artist, has not only helped teach Clary new skills, but has helped Clary re-discover a link with the art of her great-great grandmother, Muscogee folk artist Irene Gibson Hall of Eufaula. Clary's watercolor *Old Man Buffalo II* was inspired by the skull fetiches painted by Hall. Prof. Jones, widely recognized for her amazingly accurate paintings of tribal ceremonies that also capture the spirit of the people, was a protégé of Dick West, Cheyenne painter and sculptor, who also taught at Bacone. Both Smith and Jones have also helped Clary to widen her artistic horizons by introducing the young artist to other Native American

artists from all across the nation.

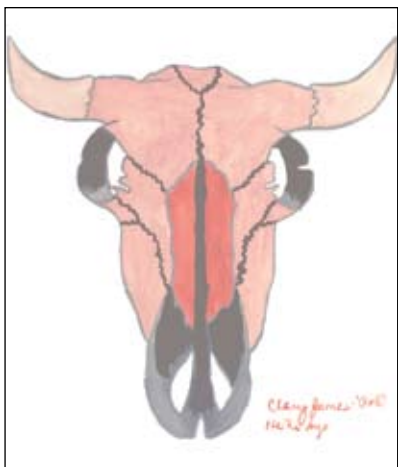
For the upcoming academic year, Clary will continue to work in watercolors and pen/ink, but will also learn bronze casting and silversmithing.

In addition to the demands of her full-time academic schedule and her artwork, Clary stays busy as a member of the Bacone College Warriors Varsity Softball team. She earned her varsity letter for the 2005-06 season. She was also a member of a US All-Star softball team that won the Gold Medal at an International Tournament in Holland during August of 2005.

Clary is a 2005 graduate of Putnam City West High School, Oklahoma City. During her senior year of high school, she was selected by the faculty and district administration to serve



Still Seeking Him



Old Man Buffalo II

a mentorship under Mr. Bill Welge, Director of the Archives, Oklahoma Historical Society. She spent the semester cataloging and preserving records of the Dawes Commission's work in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation 1890-1908. In addition to her tribal ancestry, Clary is a descendant of Col. William H. Garrett, US Indian Agent to the Creek Nation 1853-1861 and Confederate States Indian Agent to the Creek Nation 1861-1864.

Clary is the daughter of Greg and Penny James of Bethany. She is the granddaughter of the late Phyllis Warren James and the great-granddaughter of the late Eloise Hall Warren.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

LARRY L. OLIVER)
Plaintiff.)
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v.) Case No. SC 2006-04
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MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION)
NATIONAL COUNCIL)
Defendant.)
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CHIEF JUSTICE DENETTE MOUSER, VICE-CHIEF
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JUSTICE HOUSTON SHIRLEY AND JUSTICE AMOS
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The above captioned case came on for Oral Arguments on the 30th day of May, 2006 with further Oral Arguments before this Court on June 20, 2006. Plaintiff, Larry Oliver appeared in person and by and through his Counsel of Record, John Ghostbear. Defendant Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council (hereinafter "National Council") appeared by and through its Counsel of Record, Geoffrey Standing Bear and was further represented by Speaker George Tiger at the May 30, 2006 Oral Arguments and National Council Representative Thomas Pickering at the June 20, 2006 Oral Arguments.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The Plaintiff filed a petition for declaratory judgement and injunctive relief with this Court on May 25, 2006. The Plaintiff asked this Court to declare the actions taken by the National Council's Business & Government Committee on April 25, 2006 in regard to his reappointment to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court a violation of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution and therefore void. In the alternative, the Plaintiff asked the Court to issue a Writ of Prohibition preventing the National Council from relying upon the vote of the April 25, 2006 Planning Session declining to reappoint Plaintiff to a second term on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court. Further, Plaintiff's petition requested a temporary restraining order, a preliminary injunction and a permanent injunction requiring the National Council to consider Plaintiff's nomination in accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Plaintiff, Larry Oliver, was duly appointed by Principal Chief A.D. Ellis to serve a second six-year term as a Justice of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court. The appointment was made by letter from the Office of the Principal Chief to the National Council on or about March 22, 2006, ninety days prior to the end of Plaintiff's current term of office. Per testimony at Oral Arguments, the appointment letter was received and file stamped on or about March 28, 2006 by legislative research specialists Christy Harjo. (5/30/06 Tr. 83:22-23). Judicial nominations are to be appointed by the Principal Chief, subject to the majority approval of the National Council. (See: Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution, Art. II§2).

The appointment was referred by the Speaker of the National Council to the Business & Government Committee. On the afternoon of April 24, 2006 the Creek Nation Supreme Court Clerk contacted Plaintiff by phone at his Tulsa law practice and advised Plaintiff that the Business & Government Committee had just requested a meeting with Plaintiff at the National Council offices in Okmulgee later that evening. (5/30/06 Tr. 53:6-10). Mr. Oliver appeared before the Business & Government Committee as requested. The Business & Government Committee Chairman, Roger Barnett, asked if anyone had any questions. No questions in regard to Mr. Oliver's nomination were addressed to Mr. Oliver by Chairman Barnett or any other Business & Government Committee member. A motion was made to approve the nomination and the motion was rejected by a vote of three to two (3-2). (5/30/06 Tr. 27:19-22, and 53:2-16).

On April 25, 2006 at approximately 4:20 p.m., the Supreme court clerk notified Plaintiff that the Speaker of the National Council had just requested him to be at the National Council Planning Session meeting that same evening. (5/30/06 Tr. 53:15-17.)² No further direct testimony with regard to the events leading up to this litigation was obtained from Oral Arguments, however Plaintiff's petition, alleges the Plaintiff Oliver appeared at the April 25th meeting only to learn that he was not on the agenda, and he prepared to leave. (Plaintiff's Petition for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, Pg. 2-3). Plaintiff Oliver, however, was requested to return to the meeting room. Once inside the room, Plaintiff Oliver was asked to stand before the Speaker and tell the Council about himself. However, it is alleged in Plaintiff's Petition that he was cut short, and the Speaker asked if any Council member present had any questions. Plaintiff alleges that verbal confrontations with members of the National Council occurred. The Speaker then told Plaintiff that he would advise the Plaintiff of the Council's decision before the Saturday, April 29, 2006 regularly scheduled monthly National Council occurred. (Id.). The following morning the Speaker advised the Supreme Court Clerk that the National Council, in its Planning Session, voted to let the decision of the Business & Government Committee stand. The Speaker advised the Supreme Court Clerk that it would not be necessary for Plaintiff Oliver to appear at the National Council's regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Saturday, April 29, 2006. (Id at Pg. 4)

Initially a Temporary Restraining Order was issued by this Court in the matter on May 26, 2006, pending a hearing May 30, 2006, at which hearing the Supreme Court heard arguments in this matter. Ruling from the bench at Oral Argument, the Court denied Defendant's Motion to Dissolve the Temporary Restraining Order and Defendant's Motion to Dismiss for Lack of meeting of the full National Council. The purpose of the Planning Session meeting is to receive committee reports, and to set the agenda (determining the proposed legislation, nominations, resolutions, and other legislative enactments on which to vote) for the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the full National Council.

²A Planning Session is a meeting held by the National Council members prior to a regularly scheduled monthly

Original Jurisdiction or Failure to State a Claim upon which Relief May be Granted. In a Minute Order issued June 7, 2006, the Court also denied Plaintiff's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction and vacated the Temporary Restraining Order. Having heard and reviewed the testimony of witnesses, the agreement and stipulations of the parties, the Oral Argument transcripts, and all the pleadings and proffered case law:

IT IS THEREFORE THE OPINION AND ORDER OF THIS COURT THAT:

I. This Court is the proper Court to hear this case.

The Court assumed original jurisdiction in the case because of the constitutional questions raised by the Plaintiff. This Court has continually held that: "When there is a question as to whether the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution has been followed in legislative or Executive actions, this Court has jurisdiction to interpret those actions in light of the Nation's Constitution." *Alexander v. Gouge & Hufft*, 4 Mvs. L. Rep. 226 (2003); *Ellis v. Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council*, SC 05-03/05 (2006).

II. Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Case as Moot is Denied.

We note that the National Council, subsequent to Oral Arguments on this case, did by majority vote of the full Council dated June 24, 2006, reject the appointment of Larry Oliver to the Supreme Court. The case at bar, therefore, would now appear to be moot, with any further legal proceeding having no effect, and any decisions made by a reviewing court being purely academic. ³ Courts are required to hear actual cases and controversies and not hypothetical ones.

However, the U.S. Supreme Court has stated a very important exception to this rule: if a case is capable of repetition, yet evading review, the Court should and could hear and decide the case.

³Moot is a legal term in law that refers to "a subject for argument; unsettled; undecided. A moot point is one not settled by judicial decisions," *Black's Law Dictionary, 8th Edition*. See: *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 112, 113-114, (1978). This Court agrees with and adopts this view, and for the foregoing reason denies Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Case ad Moot. ⁴

III. Failing to bring the nomination of a Supreme Court Justice nominee to a vote of the full National Council is a violation of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution.

This Court will first examine the Constitutional provisions for ap-

pointment and approval of a Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court Justice. The composition of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court is found in the Nation's Constitution: "The Supreme Court shall be composed of six (6) members appointed by the Principal Chief, subject to majority approval of the National Council..."

(Emphasis added)

Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Article. VII §2.

Applying the above cited provision of the Constitution to the issues presented in this case, the Principal Chief, as head of the Executive Branch, is given the duty and power to make judicial appointments to the Supreme Court. However, the Principal Chief's power to make such appointments to the Court is not absolute; it is subject to the majority approval of the National Council. This allows for a true separation of powers between the branches of government and permits a system of checks and balances. The "Checks" of this system refers to the abilities, rights, and responsibilities of each branch of government to monitor the activities of the other two branches. "Balances" refers to the ability of each branch of government in the Creek Nation to use its authority to limit the powers of the other two branches, whether in general scope or in as

⁴Since we are adopting this view, we must be clear that we are not following federal law, but merely incorporating the federal approach into our articulation of tribal law. particular case, so that one branch does not attain power greater than that of either of the other two branches.

In reviewing the issues presented and considering the relief requested, this Court relies on the doctrine of the separation of powers, as embodied in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution, to determine how it must, and will, rule in this matter. In several previous cases, this Court has recognized the separate but co-equal branch model of our government. Most recently, in *Ellis v. National Council*, SC 05-03/SC 05-05 (2006) this Court stated: "{The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has a long history of practicing separation of powers....}" and "[N]o single branch of government is able to exercise complete authority and each is dependent on the other. This autonomy prevents powers from being concentrated in one branch, yet, the independence of each helps keep the others from exceeding their powers." The separation of powers doctrine is not a new notion to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. This Court has reviewed countless cases which have continued to spell out separate but equal principals and the need for a system of checks and balances. (See e.g.: *Muscogee Nation v. Tiger*, 7 Mvs. L. Rep. 8, (1885) (Original Bound Volumes of the Creek Nation — Vol. 10, Pg. 65); see also: *Burden v. Cox*, 1 Mvs, L. Rep. 135 (Muscogee (Creek) 1988); *Cox v. Kamp*, 4 Mvs. L. Rep. 75 (Muscogee (Creek) 1991).

Embraced within Article VII § 2 of the Muscogee (Creek) Constitution, lies an example of the "checks and balances" built into our Nation's Constitution. To wit, the National Council's role in confirming, or not confirming, a Supreme Court Justice nominee is to act as a check upon the actions of the Principal Chief in preventing arbitrary actions in Supreme Court appointments and to give assurance to the citizens of this Nation that a Supreme Court judicial appointment is a reasonable one. This function of the National Council should be balanced with the right and duty of the office of the Principal Chief to make prudent judicial appointments to the Supreme Court. Each branch has a job, a duty to itself and to the citizens of this Nation to perform that job. This Court holds that failing to bring the nomination of a Supreme Court Justice nominee to a vote of the full National Council is a violation of the Constitution and a breach of the fiduciary duty owed to the Nation's citizenry as a whole.

Though the Court will not delve into timing issues of how or exactly when the National Council performs yea or nay votes on Supreme Court nominations, suffice it to say that the mandate of the Constitution is "shall" in several key phrases of Article II§2:

"The Supreme Court shall be composed of six (6) members appointed by the Principal Chief, subject to majority approval by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Council, and whose term shall be for six (6) years No person shall be appointed as a Supreme Court Justice who has a felony (emphasis added).

As officers of this Nation, all three branches are equally obligated to uphold the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution. Each share a co-equal status and no one branch stands above another. Yet, this Court finds itself repeatedly reviewing facts and evidence purporting to prove that the National Council is attempting to do just that — stand above all other branches. See: *Ellis v. Muscogee (Creek) National Council*, SC 05-03/05 (2006); *Alexander v. Gouge and Hufft*, 4 Mvs. L.R. 226 (Jan. 16, 2003); *Yahola v. Muscogee (Creek) Nation*, 4 Mvs. L. Rep. 215 (2002); In the Matter of the Constitutionality of NCA 98-02, 4 Mvs. L. Rep 175 (1999); *Fife v. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health Systems Board & Muscogee (Creek) National Council*, 4 Mvs. L. Rep. 144 (1995). ⁵

⁵See also: *Muscogee Nation v. Tiger*, 7 Mvs. L. Rep. 8, (1885); *Beaver v. National Council*, 4 Mvs. L. Rep. 19, (1985); *Cox v. Moore*, 4 Mvs. L. Rep. 38 (1989); *Preferred Management Corporation v. National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation*, 4 Mvs. L. Rep. 44 (1990); *Bryan and Davis v. Childers*, 4 Mvs. L. Rep. 53 (1990); *Cox v. Kamp*, 4 Mvs. L. Rep. 75 (Muscogee (Creek) 1991); *Cox v Childers*, 4 Mvs, L. Rep. 71 (1991).

This Court does not believe that the above record of repeated litigation reflects an intentional attempt by the National Council to usurp the authority of either of the other two branches of government of this Nation. However, it is deeply troublesome to this Court that in two separate Oral Arguments in this matter alone, ant's Counsel unequivocally states that the National Council does not have to follow the mandates laid out before it in the Constitution or follow an Order of this Court. At the hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction,

Defendant's Counsel Standing Bear announced to this Court that: Mr. Standing Bear: The constitution[']s language is the only thing that this Court takes original jurisdiction over. Now should a statute or act contradict that plain language, of course this court may strike something down or modify it as the court deems fit. But we'd simply point out as we did in our brief the only constitutional language is not a requirement that the National Council meet, the National Council vote. There is no language in the Constitution that says we have to come together and vote on any nominee; Supreme Court nominee or any other nominee. We don't have to do that. And if the National Council chooses never to do it, so be it. 5/30/06 Tr. 58:31 and 59:7 (emphasis added). Mr. Standing Bear: Well, your Honor, as to this order by Chief Justice Mike Flood of October 1986, whether or not a justice can continue indefinitely into office is the way I'm reading this - this is a - I can say on behalf of the National Council that may be one branch's opinion but that is simply - at least not the Speaker and Second Speaker - the full Council hasn't consulted with me but should - let's say.....Justice Oliver never be brought to a vote - ... under this Order what I'm reading is that until some successor is brought forward by the Principal Chief, that the -- that particular judge shall simply remain in office forever. I can tell you that in their -- our scenario this morning talking to my clients I thought, "Well one of the dangerous, craziest thing[s] would be something just as this." And by no coincidence we talked about this insane weird option and they - Council can do what they want; whether they want to recognize another branch's view ...is up to the National Council. 5/30/06 Tr. 79:22-25, 80:1-17

Further, at the June 20, 2006 Oral Arguments: Mr. Standing Bear: Nothing in the Constitution compels the National Council to come into session and vote. National Council is a separate but equal branch of government. It chooses -- Justice Mouser: Mr. Standing Bear, do you think that the phrase, "subject to majority approval by the Muscogee (creek) National Council," does not imply a vote? Mr. Standing Bear: This is correct. It is a condition upon us having -- holding office. Justice Mouser: Well, how should that condition be satisfied without a vote? Mr. Standing Bear: If it is a condition that is - it's a requirement that should the Principal Chief appoint - and there's nothing in here that says the Principal Chief has to appoint for a vacancy because it - depending on how you look at it - the way I look at it I could say, there's no affirmative duty of the Council or the Principal Chief to make an appointment within so many days or so many months. 06/20/06 Tr. 11:19 - 12:12

Justice Mouser: I just want to be sure I understand what - what the National Council is arguing here is that there is no - there is nothing in the Constitution that requires the Chief to make an appointment to the Supreme Court? Mr. Standing Bear: That is correct. And nothing that says they [National Council] have to come to vote. 06/20/06 Tr. 12:22 - 12:24

The concern of this Court is twofold. First, it is alarming that the National Council argues through its legal counsel that they are above the mandates of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution. This is evident from the above transcribed record. The Court, during Oral Arguments, was astounded to find such blatant disrespect for an Order of this Court and for the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. In cases of original jurisdiction such as the instant case, the duty of this Court is to interpret the laws and determine what statutes are constitutional or unconstitutional - it is **not** the National Council's duty to make such determinations. Second, if one branch of our government abandons the co-equal model of government (as embodied in the Constitution of this Nation) it no doubt will lead to a weakened government and a true crisis for citizens of this Nation. Each of this Nation's three branches of government holds great power, but each must also with a great sense of responsibility and recognition of its rightful authority and its concomitant limitations.

The Court will now address specifically the issues plead by the Plaintiff in this case.

ISSUE NUMBER ONE

Can the Court order the National Council to give appointees reasonable notice? Yes, under the doctrine of Due Process. Plaintiff, Larry Oliver has alleged that he was entitled to a reasonable notice to appear before the Business & Government Committee. The Court agrees that the Plaintiff was entitled to a reasonable notice to appear before and be heard by either a Committee of the National Council, the Planning Session, or the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the full National Council.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution provides at Article VI, §4(b): "The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council shall judge of the returns

and qualifications of its members, determine the rules of its proceedings....." (emphasis added).

In a previous case, this Nation's District Court aptly stated, "[Th[e District] Court should be ever hesitant to interfere in the operations of the Executive and Legislative branches." *Burden v. Cox*, 1 Mvs. L. Rep. 135 (1988). This Court agrees. How the National Council operates to discharge its duty to approve appointments of the Principal Chief is within their Constitutional province. ⁶ However, the ideals of justice and fairness embodied in the doctrine of Due Process, Which must be afforded to all citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do not disappear at the door when a political appointee's nomination is being reviewed by either a Committee, a Subcommittee, a Planning Session, or the full membership of the National Council. Due process is not a new notion to this Court or to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Indeed, we have touched on the issue before.⁷ Additionally, the United States Supreme Court has continually stated that what is "due" to an individual is a fact intensive basis that takes into account the "practicalities and peculiarities of the case." *Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.*, 339 U.S. 306, at 314, (1950) (quotes in original).⁸ We agree with this proposition. Each and every political appointee should be afforded an opportunity to relate and discuss his or her qualifications for the position to which he or she has been nominated by the office of the Principal Chief - this is the opportunity to be heard. Further, any such nominee should be given reasonable notice of his or her required appearance in front of any gathering of members of the National Council - whether a Committee, a Sub-committee, the Planning Session, or a regularly scheduled meeting of the full National Council. A couple of hours notice - as occurred in the instant case - is insufficient to serve as reasonable notice.

⁶ While this Court is herein ruling that a political appointment nominee is entitled to due process in the form of reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard, the Court also believes that it falls solely within the purview of the National Council to determine its internal procedure for providing such due process. This Court will not mandate the method or manner for providing notice, nor will it mandate the method or manner for allowing a political appointment nominee to be heard. ⁷ See: *McIntosh v. Muscogee (Creek) Nation*, 4 Mvs. L. Rep. 28 (1987) (It is necessary to show that notice and due process were afforded an Appellant at a revocation hearing.); *In the matter of R.F. & J.F.*, 4 Mvs. L. Rep. 198 (2000) (quoting language from the United State Supreme Court case of *Matthew v. Eldridge*: "three elements to be evaluated in deciding what due process requires: Private interests at state, the government interest and the risk that the procedures used will lead to erroneous decisions).

⁸The United States Supreme Court has continually upheld this proposition. See e.g.: *Jones v. Flowers*, 126 S. Ct. 1708 (2006) (notice and opportunity for hearing appropriate to the nature of the case); *Dusenbery v. United States*, 534 U.S. 161 (2002).

As a representative government, the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation elect National Council representative that will represent their interests in the operation and success of this nation. Therefore, working hand in hand with the nominees right to be heard is the duty of the National Council to provide the Citizens with an open and outward assurance that - regardless of whether the nomination was approved or rejected - the nomination was considered in as unbiased a fashion as possible, that the Council's decision comports with the best interests of the citizens and of the Nation, and that its decision was not arbitrary or capricious.

ISSUE NUMBER TWO.

Did the Plaintiff have a right to have his appointment to the Supreme Court

considered fully by the entire National Council? Unequivocally, yes.

When the Principal Chief makes the appointment of a Justice to the Nation's Supreme Court, that appointment is of no effect until the National Council, by majority approval, votes to approve or reject the appointment. That issue was addressed supra. The question considered by this Court then, is: What does "majority approval" mean? Where the Constitution requires a super-majority, such a requirement is expressly stated⁹ Therefore, a "majority approval" in its most basic interpretation means a simple majority vote of the quorum present as opposed to a super-majority. However, this Court believes that such a basic interpretation ignores the deeper and more significant question: Does a meeting of a Committee of the National Council, such as the Business & Government Committee, constitute a meeting of the National Council as intended

⁷ The Court sites for example Article VI, § 6 "Bills, ordinances, orders, resolutions or other acts." This section of the Muscogee (Creek) Constitution references how the National Council may override a veto: "If, after reconsiderations, two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall pass....."

Additionally, the Nation's Constitution states in Article IX, § 1 "Amendment procedure" that "...shall require two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote" by the framers of the Constitution? We believe not. This Court hereby interprets the language of the Constitution to direct the National Council, at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, to consider and vote either in affirmation or disaffirmation each and every Supreme Court Justice appointee presented by the office of the Principal Chief. Neither the National Council; but it would be granting far too great a power to such a small number of representatives to allow such Committees to make a final determination regarding nominees and appointments from the office of the Principal Chief. Further, the Planning Session should not claim to speak as a voice of the citizens. Such Committees may make recommendations to the National Council; but it would be granting far too great a power to such a small number of representatives to allow such committees to make a final determination regarding nominees and appointments from the office of the Principal Chief. Further, the Planning Session should not claim to speak as a voice of the citizens because the citizens are not aware of the items to be discussed at the Planning Session.

By its very title, the Planning Session should only be used to set the agenda and determine which issues and items will be voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the full National Council. To vote to affirm or reject any nominee or appointee from the office of the Principal Chief during a Planning Session flies in the face of the ideals of representative government. Therefore, this Court holds that a Supreme Court judicial nominee from the office of the Principal Chief must be brought to a vote of the full National Council at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting and shall not be deemed approved or rejected by Committee nor in Planning Session. A vote of the constitutionally mandated quorum necessary to conduct business shall suffice as the full National Council, and no super-majority will be required.

ISSUE NUMBER THREE

In the instant case, did the National Council's action at the Planning Session in voting to let stand the decision of the Business & Government Committee give rise to an actionable event? No, because it was not a final action. In principle, the appointment by the office of the Principal Chief of Larry Oliver to the Supreme Court was still pending in the National Council on April 25, 2006. This appointment remained pending until a formal vote was taken by the National Council at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting where the appointment was on the agenda or until the appointment was withdrawn by the Principal Chief. This is so, notwithstanding Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code Title 26, Section 3-202. This ordinance states:

"In the event a nomination is not approved within sixty days by the National Council, the nomination shall be deemed to be rejected and the Principal Chief shall submit a new nomination within thirty days (i.e. a new nomination and not the one that was rejected)." We have held that the Constitution of this Nation must be strictly construed and interpreted; and where the plain language is clear, we must not place a different meaning on the words. Additionally, the duty of this Court is not to merely give definitions of the law but also to determine the intent and scope of the words of the Constitution. See: *Cox v. Kamp*, 4 Mvs. L. Rep. 75 (1991). Title 26, Section 3-202 has the consequence of allowing a Supreme Court Justice nominee to never be reviewed and voted on by the National Council. As was alluded to in Oral Arguments, under this statute it would be up to the National Council to determine whether or not the Council would even entertain a nomination from the office of the Principal Chief; that after 60 days, silence would equal a rejection of the nomination. This is squarely in violation of the mandates of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution Article VII § 2. This Court hereby holds that the Nation's Code Title 26, Section 3-202 has the effect of being in direct conflict with the intent of the framers of the Constitution, and therefore it is unconstitutional.

Henceforth, the Principal Chief shall be free to resubmit a duly rejected appointment nominee at such time as he or she feels it is appropriate. Further, the National Council may again reject such resubmitted appointee by a majority vote of its members. This Court recognizes that some limitation on the number of times a nominee is submitted may be appropriate, but refuses to encroach upon the legislative function of the National Council which must author and pass such laws into effect. However, until such legislation is in place, this Court notes that there is no limit on the number of times a nominee may be resubmitted.

In the instant case, the action of the Planning Session in letting the decision of the Business & Government Committee stand did not give rise to an actionable event. The voting record presented to the Court at Oral Argument did not disclose what the Business & Government Committee's decision was, only that it would be allowed to stand; had that Planning Session vote ended the Plaintiff's nomination process, this Court would have reviewed that vote as an actionable event. However, after Plaintiff filed his lawsuit and Oral Arguments was heard during which this Court questioned the National Council as to whether the National Council considered the Planning Session was held in which Plaintiff's nomination was added to the agenda for the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of full National Council. The matter was resolved at the June 24, 2006 regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the full National Council when it voted down a motion to approve the appointment of Plaintiff Larry Oliver to the Nation's Supreme Court. In doing so, the National Council fulfilled its duty and obligation under the Constitution to approve or reject the appointment of a nominee to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court.

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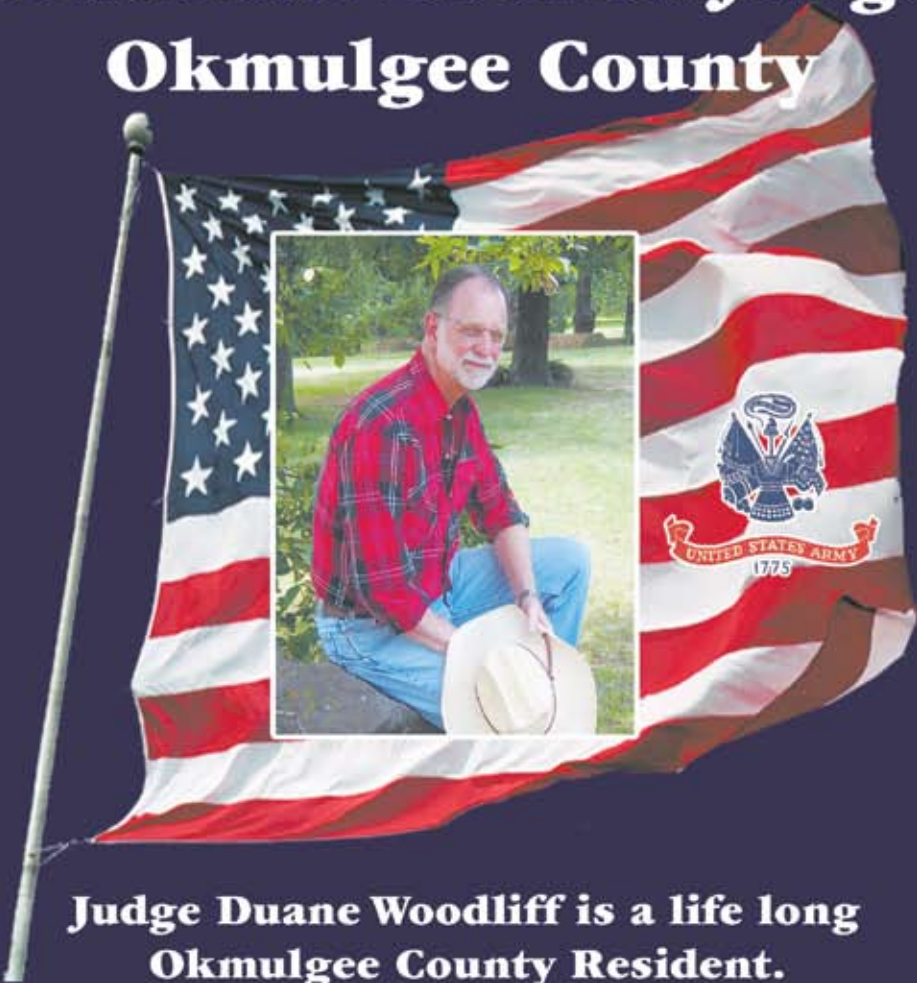
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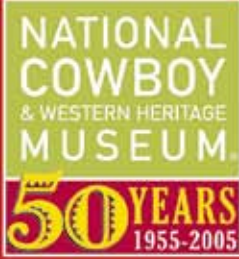
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